

**White Family correspondence from the Tull and White Families  
papers, 1833-1960**

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Henry White, 1833-1857

Edward White, 1854-1893

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# Letters to and from Henry White, 1833-1857

**NOTE:** The transcriptionist has preserved punctuation (or lack thereof) and spelling in the original documents.

**Document 1** (This document is torn in places and extremely faded and blurred. The only legible words are below.)

Mr. Henry M. White

Snow Hill

Pat----- of

Dr. N. (or R.) Duer

**Document 2** (The document has holes in places and words in the left and right margins are missing [see ellipses in text below]. Upper left corner appears to be burned.)

Philadelphia Sept. 7th 1833

I read your letter by the hand of Br. J. S. Poarter was much surprised that you had not placed in hands of Br. G. Hudson or paid to Dr. J. Spence... dollars I gave you orders so long ago to do I in... to neglect it any longer... [illegible word] to take Harry's Schooling out of ...

Take care of the money for the [torn area] ...for the Davis land. Finish as soon as the ... ---mes to pay if off and be done with it. ... ---ner will return [torn area] -is way write by him ... --now how much corn there was fro... what money it came to, and how all ...as well as usual.

--mony and peace attend you is the pray..

Your father Henry [M]

**Document 3** (The document is extremely faded. The only legible words are at the bottom.)

Mr. William M. White  
Snow Hill

Pr. D. Duer

#### **Document 4**

Phila. Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> 1833

Dear Son

Since I wrote my other letter to send by Dr. Duer I have seen E.R. Wilson who informs me that the amt. due for the D. Sand cannot be ascertained till Nov. Court or after. Therefore I wish you to send me on the money for the corn you have lately sold by Dr. Duer on his return or by some other safe hand as I am paying interest on money here and wish to stop it as fast as I can. I shall have money due me in your county by the time the money for the land will be wanted. Your Br. John arrvd here to day quite well and sayed his family and Elisabeth was all well.

Your Mother joins me in love to Mary and the children & your self.

Henry White

**Document 5** (The document has heading but no legible words. In the middle is a tear with a red circle around it.)

Mr. William M. White  
Snow Hill, Worcester County, Md

#### **Document 6**

Philad November 27<sup>th</sup> 1834

William

I have written three or four letters to you since I came from S. Hill and have not recd but one from you what is the matter are you so full of business or have you the hippocondriach so bad that you cannot write. I sent you \$100 by Isaac P. Smith I have never heard whether you recd it or not I want to know how you are coming on in your business and whether you are likely to let any of my houses and how much corn suppose will be at M. Duncans as my part and what about the seaside farm and what about the repairs I told you to have done. I must be making calculation and arrangements to pay your debts to Smith & Co. Write to me on the receipt of this and give me all the information you can you might have written by Jenkins or some of the merchants from S.H. We are as well as usual I hope you are trying to save your souls let other things go as they will. What are you agoing to do with Ann and the other girl the next year. Give my love to Mary and the children I am your father W. White

Mr. John C. Handy Esq. Will you have the goodness when William writes again to insert a line in his letter and let me know whether Mr. E. Spence was appointed a Trustee to complete E. K. Wilsons trusteeship in my case and if he was whether he has made a deed of the land and whether the account will have to be audited again or whether the one you sent me will be the one I shall have to settle by. I want if the deed is made to place the money in your hands if you will have the goodness to take it to pay what I shall have to pay as soon as possible. I am anxious to have that business ended I am much obliged to you for the interest you have taken for me in it we are as well as usual and Mrs. White joins me in affectionate re[gar]ds to you and sister Handy and Maria [paper torn] in last I am sir yours Henry White

### Document 7

(Document appears to be an envelope.)

Mr. William M. White

Snowhill, Worcester County

Md.

In bottom left corner with a scribble beside it:

Politeness [?] of

Mr. J. Messick

### Document 8 (Parts of the letter are torn away and missing sections are indicated by ellipses.)

Philad. Jany 27<sup>th</sup> 1835

... a letter from Rev. Mustard com [corner folded over] ...epairs, not being done in the lot he...he was promised that it should ...took the place but he sees no prosp...the contract being fulfilled. He complains...doors to the carriage house and he cannot...it and has to keep it in his neighbors...he cannot keep food in the barn for...his horse in the stable. The stoop is...down the colonnade leaks d[re]adfully, the poultry yard is faling down and there is no kee to the lock of the smoakhouse [4 letters follow appearing to be LG LG], I am extremely sorry that there is so little dependance to be placed in you with reference to my business there. I requested you last summer when I left to go on and get the materials and have the repairs done as I knew the property would not rent in the order it was in but nothing consequence has been done if it was to be done at your expense it would be different but you know I expect to pay the expense. Now I pray you have them repairs done forthwith so that there shall be no more complaining of contracts not being fulfilled. You can have that cholonade stopt imeditely by takeing a little pains you might do it your self by filling it with morter and then putting

on some sement made of blood and lime. You might have a lock put to the smoakhouse immediately and you should get the barn repaired. When you do that have it done well and strong and have the doors of the carriage house fixed so that they will not brake the hinges when they open have strong posts to hang them to and a strong post to fall against when it opens and see to it and have it done well. Mr. Mustard wished me to let him have it done and take it out of the rent. I wrote to him that I expected [you] had the materials and you had mentioned to me that you had spoken to a carpenter to do it. I do not know how soon you promised to have it done but if it is not done according to contract there will be a dispute when the rent is to be paid and besides all contracts should be kept sacred.

Write to me on the receipt of this and let me know where you are doing business, what you and Dr. Purnell has done with your lot and whether Dr. Spence has paid you that interest money Turn over

**Document 9** (Torn areas indicated by ellipses.)

{a]nd how you have applied that m... inquireys I made in my former letter ... how the people are fixed who were br... and if Br. Matthews has made any offer for ... lot you were speaking about.

I and your Mother are as well as usual. I ...Mary and the children are all well and... your mind may be kept in peace and...may be directed in the way how to live... live for ever in ...[h]eaven. adm]

Henry White

**Document 10** (This is a single folded sheet of paper with address written vertically on left side and letter on right side.)

Left side:                   Mr. William M. White  
                                 Snowhill  
                                 By Rev. J. S. Poarter (scribble after the name)

Right side:  
Burlington, N.J. April 27<sup>th</sup> 1835

Dear Son

I have this day taken possession of one new habitation and have been very busy a fixing and as Br. J.S. Poarter will leave this place in the morning for your place I thought I would write a line to you though I have so lately written. I wish you on the return of Br. Poarter to write to me and answer my last letter the particulars you will see by referring to my letter. Corn is scarce and high in the market in Phila. And many think it will be a dollar by the fall. You must manage mine there in the best manner and make it pay as much of your debts as possible. We have a very good house and pleasant place and people but the only thing is to be prophefitalbe to these souls. I hope you and Mary are trying to save your souls and live for eternity. The precept is be not sloathfull in business but fervent in spirit serving the Lord. Mrs. White is tolerable

well and joines me in love to Mary and the children and all our friends. I remain your father---

Henry White

**Document 11**

Feby 1<sup>st</sup> 1837

William

I have bought a car from Mr. R. Given which he has promised to send to you when he sends the Horse. If Mr. Peter Given has any haims, traces, swingtetrus that he will sell at a fare price you had better take them, or a good grubbing hoe or weeding hoe or a plough that is good and when I come up I will pay him for them. The fodder of Mr. R. Givens that is on the place he says he will take what ever you and Peter shall agree on as its worth. You should buy 5 or 6 stack and the sooner you agree for them the better. Peter Given has fodder also to sell. Make the best bargan you can. Look about and try to get a sow that will have pigs about April and but 4 shoats that will do to kill next fall. Stay on the farm and run [?] to your neighbours and think what is to be done and always be a doing. Get up early and learn habbits of industry.

fare [?] will W. White

**Document 12** (This appears to be the back of the previous document. Paper is folded.)

Mr. William M. White

Per. W. H. White  
with care.

**Document 13** (This appears to be the back of another letter and has one sentence written vertically on the paper.)

You and M r. Perdue carry them logs to the mill or some will be in before you

**Document 14**

Jany. 25<sup>th</sup> 1838

William I saw John R. Smith Esq. to day who says he is agent for M. Wheelar [illegible initial] Watkins and that he is disposed to make any arangement with you that can be made. He offered to take 75 ct in the dollar of what you are due them. I told him you could not pay that for you had not wherewith to pay. He then wished to see the paper you had on different persons to see what he thought could be collected. I told him if he would take the paper and all you had and give [?] you clear he should have it I would be security. Now I wish you to send him a list of the notes and judgments and the names of the persons they are on or get Mr. Little[to?] Dennis to bring them down and

let him see them; you might send a list of the names of the persons the date of their note or judgment and amt by William H. when he comes down on Monday. Make a true statement. I told him when I wrote to your creditors, Mr. L. D. Timmons and you about \$200 but now perhaps it was not more than \$150 and perhaps there had been collected about \$40 all of which he should have if he would give you clear. I want you to do nothing more than let him know how much is due you that is all your old and new notes. When I return to this place which will be in about 3 weeks I will see him and see what can be done. I only want you to [let? paper torn] him see the paper. You need not let him [paper torn] ---y of it [paper torn] him. H. White

**Document 15** (Torn areas indicated by ellipses.)

April 24<sup>th</sup> 1840 William M. White. I have agreed with Mrs. Sarah Moore in Snow Hill to take Sally Elizabeth to school and board which she has agreed to do for \$16 a quarter but you must have the moast of her washing done at home she will have any small things washed. You can have her clothes washed and send them by be--. I wish you to assist in moving that House at Mr. Ellises. You can haul the skids or any thing that is wanting and ask hands to assist and any thing that will help on the work. Tell Mr. Jones I had rather he would board at Mr. Ellises as I know he cannot be at his work so soon nor do as much and walk home every night and back in the morning and have his [s or f]itting at home. I wish him to do me honest days work. You may send Sally 3 or 4 months not more tha... except furth [paper is folded over] orders. If Ephraim or ... [illegible word]... any ... place where W. Ellis lives do you pay them the money and I will repay you on sight. You can get the na--- and shingles for the work to be done at Ellises and I will pay you for them, if the old shingles will not do these had better be 3 feet ones got.

Henry White

**Document 16** (Document has folds, creases and tears. Missing areas indicated by ellipses.)

Charles Ellis's accomp—[illegible word] with Lolle... George Powell Sam Houston The Know Nothing's will carry the day in Worcester County Md Montain Blea— Thurman Jan Sam three cheers Jan Sam and the Know Nothing Candedate Three cheers for Sam and the Know Nothing president and fellow citizens

**Document 17** (Document is an address in center of a folded paper😊

Mr. William White  
Indiantown Worcester County. Md.

Politeness of  
Capt. T. Jones

### **Document 18**

Baltimore May the 11<sup>th</sup> 1840

William. I have sent down by Capt. T. Jones two barrals of lime which I expect James Duncan will take up to there house when he takes up W. H. Burbage's goods the time is to plaster the house upstairs where Mr. Ellis lives and perhaps the cook house where he lives had better be plastered also above and be low. I wish you to purchase the lathes and nales and get Mr. Bowden from New Ark to come and plaster them. One good coat well put on and finished will be sufficient and do you pay the expence and attend to it and have it done in the cheapest terms. Mr. Riley Jones was to repair the windows the first thing he at the same time may put in such studing [illegible word or symbol] as is necessary for plastering. If he should want any corn for his work you can let him have it and I will pay you what ever price you and he agreed upon and what ever other money you lay out I will pay you when I come or give S. D. Harper orders to pay you if you should want it before I come.

I left W. Henry at Mr. Clarks but he did not seem satisfied what he will do or what is best I know not I hope providence will direct. I expect to be in Balt 18 or 20 days longer but it is not likely you will get this in time for a letter to reach me here, write to me and direct to Christiana New Castle Co. De. where I shall be about the 10<sup>th</sup> of June. Mrs. White has been sick since we arrived here but is better but does not go out yet let me know when you write about W. H. and whether Mr. Jones is at work and any thing else that concerns my business. Give my love to Mary and the children.

I amy your affectionat father

Henry White

### **Document 19 (Document is an address in center of a folded paper.)**

July 3 Christiana Del

Mr. William M. White  
Care of Mr. S. D. Harper Snow Hill  
Worcester Co. Mr. Harper will send  
Md. this on as soon as possible

## **Document 20**

June 30<sup>th</sup> 1840

William. I wrote you from Balt. with a special request that you should write to me at Christiana by the 1<sup>st</sup> of June and I wated until now and have had not one word from you. What do you mean do you want no more correspondence with me or did you not receive my letter or are you determined to hold all my requests in contempt. I want to know whether the lime sent by Capt. T. Jones was rec'd and whether Mr. R. Jones has done that work at C. Ellises and whether Mr. Ellis wishes to continue on the place another year. I wrote to you to have the cook house at Mr. Ellises plastered but if you have not got it done you need not only have upstairs of the other house plastered with one good coat above. You have not given me one word of thanks for the \$200 I paid for you in Balt.or whether you have given S. D. Harper L. Q.D.'s note for my use. Tell Mr. Ellis he should do what he can toward prepareing that ground I had grubbed to plant next season and should get what he can more grubbed. Where is W. H. at Milford or at home, is S. Elizabeth at S. H. or at home. Has Mr. Pennewell rented that old place or not. Do you see that it is not a coman but that the fence is kept up. I hope you will keep clear of debt for ever hereafter buy nothing without the pay. Are there any shingles [paper is folded] -ing in my swamp see that the timber is not st [paper folded]. Write to me immediately on the receipt of this and direct your letter to me at Wilmington., N. Castle Co. De. where I expect to be about the 25 of July or to Smyrna, Kent Co. De. where I shall be about the 12 of August. Your Father

(written vertically in the left margin): Write every thing that concerns me and the news of the place. H.W.

## **Document 21**

Give my love to Mary and the children. We board in Wilmington city and Mrs. White seems quite satisfied. Crops are promising here oats never were finer. Wheat some crops hurt with the fly's then with the rust. Clover hay very fine.  
Give my love to Br's Hargis and Way and tell them I should like to hear from them and how their Mission prospers.

Is all proceedings stopt about your debts.

## **Document 22**

October the 6<sup>th</sup> 1840

Dear Son. I rec'd yours of the 28 of last month last evening and now answer it. With respect to W. Henry I am surprised at your thinking about engaging to give one cent for his learning a trade. As for yourself you have no money to give and I hope you will

never go in debt one dollar more than you have the money in hand to pay, and I shall not advance a dollar. If he wants to learn the trade bind him for 3 or 4 years or let Mr. Bowden learn him and then let Wm. work with him until he payes him for learning him. You say Mr. Pennewell has rented the old field for 5 years, but you do not say on what terms. If I remember the instruction I gave you was that he might have it and put a crass fence and tend one half each year, and have all the fodder, but feed it away on the place, and give me one half of the corn delivered at market and he might pasture his own creatures on it. Tell him to plant yellow corn, if he puts a crass fence he must get his rales along the side of the field between the field and Mrs. Davises. I don't wish one stick cut in that woods between the road and Jacob Purnells and Mr. Pennewells. [An inserted line above has been crossed through]) You did not let me know whether you had put that note of L. Q. D.'s in Mr. S. Harpers hands though in a former letter you promised to do it. If you have not you will do it and get your receipts. I will give Mr. S. D. Harper orders to pay the bill of work shortly. There is some arrangements to make first but I suppose you are not suffering for the money and you shall have it in due time. How are your crops of wheat and corn generally in our neighbor hood. Turn over

### Document 23

You must get all your fire wood in your new ground or along the river, you must not go out toward Baleys and Smacks to get it and cut the oaks of of the land, and go on and clear all that new ground within the fence between you and Carles Ellis, you must run that that fence from near your barn strait down to the fence between you and C. Ellis and throw apart of that new ground into the field you will tend next year and tend that again and what is on the side of the fence in your next year tend not grubbed have it grubben and tend that and tend no more of the new ground, and continue to [illegible word] and do not pasture on your stuble only for your hogs to get loose grain and don't be arenting out ground there is not more than you should tend yourself. I have put you there for you try and get your living but you must use the place as I direct. I thought I should be down some time between this and Christmas but it is uncertain. Tell C. Ellis where he gathers his corn to put all that is sound in my crib and the rest you may have. Perdue did not nub my corn as close as he should. I and your Mother have been as well this fall as usual. She joins me in love to you Mary & children. Give my Christian regard to the preachers and all friends. Write soon and land and tell me all the news and above all save your soul.

(written vertically in left margin) I left a hat and hat case at John E. Haywards and told Elizabeth to let you have it if you called.)

(in bottom third of the sheet of paper):

Mr. William M. White  
Snow Hill, Worcester Co.  
Md.

**Document 24** (A single sheet of folded paper with this address in the center third):

Mr. William M. White  
Snow Hill, P.O., Worcester Co.  
Md.

Past [illegible word] will pleas forward  
This by the first safe hand

**Document 25**

Wilmington October 5<sup>th</sup> 184?

My Son William. After a delay of sixmonth I now answer yours of the 27<sup>th</sup> of March last. You mentioned in yours that you were going on very well in your farming business your crop is now made and how does it come out I hear you have had a very fatal crop year. How is yours and how is Milby [paper is torn and folded] and Jameses. I should like to know how W. H. conducts himself you mentioned in one of your letters that Mary wished to know where Hester was. She is now with Ann Peters when we moved into Delaware before one year expired I brought her here as not knowing but we should want her to live with us and if I had not have brought her within one year after we moved I should not been at liberty to have brought her with an expence she was all last summer was a year almost laid up with rumatism. She is better this year but her feet is swollen still and she walks crippling. I and your mother are as well as usual. Ann and family are all well John and family a few days since were well but Elizabeth has been feeble for nearly a year I fear she is in a decline. I wrote to James Duncan he might sell my corn at 62 [paper edge is torn] an 9 or 12 month [illegible word]. I wonder if he is like to do it. I wish you would show what follows to Littleton Q.[?] Dennis Esq. Littleton Q.[?] Dennis I have now waited more than a year longer than you requested me to wait for the payme-- [bottom right corner of the page is torn way] now I inform you I shall want the money i--[torn area ]me by the preachers when they come to confe— [torn area] information that you may have it ready wi—[torn area] to have it now if it was convenient. Pleas info—[torn area] William I am yours with sincere friendship [torn area]

**Document 26**

-illiam I hope you are keeping out of debt, and that you have got clear of that foolish and wicked spirit of speculation or tradeing you say you are trying to do the best you can for this world and the world to come. I am heartily glad if it is so. I hope you attend to your spirit [?] and family prayers and that you attend your meetings for without the constant use of the means of grace we can neither get nor keep or grow in grace. Strive to live for eternity for the things of earth is but a bubble at best and our stay with them is but

short if they would last forever be ready to die. Your Mother joins me in love to Mary and the children that mercy and grace may be multiplied to you all is the sincere prayer of your father.

Henry White

**Document 27** (This appears at the bottom and back of the previous document. There is a dark ink writing which appears here in bold and the rest is in pencil or light ink.)

**Dear**

**Dear Father you**

**Dear Father**

Dear Father I received your

Dear Father letter of April 12

Dear Father Frend

Dear

-ear Father Dear Frend [illegible letters]

Dear Father Dear Father Dear Frend

Dear Dear Dear Father

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**Document 28** (This is in the center of a folded paper.)

Mr. William M. White  
Snowhill Worcester County  
Care of Mr. J. P. Smith      Md

**Document 29**

William

I have given to Mr. Smith as you will see by his receipt above \$100 to be paid to you on sight. Take care of making bad debts. And take care of bad speculations. And always have your money in hand in such goods as will sell.

I am at a loss to say what is best to be done with the Rackliff Property it payes a good interest and should not be soald a loss or for less than cost. Tell Br. Matthews I do not know that it will be very material whether his Note is paid at the time it becomes due. Is the sea side farm rented and if it is to whom and for how much.

Doant throw yourself away and sink down as if you had no life go on cheerfully in your business and trust the Lord for help and there is no doubt you will live has S. Jenkins rented a house yet.

If you do not lose your money if you cannot succeed in Snowhill you would have enough to set you up a farming. That the Lord may bless you and direct you both for time and eternity is the prayer of your

Father Henry White

NB Mr. Smith pays you the \$100 give him his receipt and not before. Cut it from the letter and take it to him.  
H. W.

**Document 30**

My dear Grand Daughter Sally Elizabeth

I received your very affectionate and intelligent letter a few days since and was glad to hear from you all and that you were in good health but sorry to hear of your poor and distressed circumstances and more sorry [illegible words— paper appear to be damaged] much assisting you my income is in many respects cut off, but if I find I can I will help you a little. I hope you will stay with and help your mother all you can for this is your duty and above all give your heart to God and under all circumstances keep death in remembrance and live as you would wish death to find you. Read the Holy Scriptures and pray to your heavenly Father to direct you in the way that leads to heaven, and so order his providence toward you that all may work for your good. As it respects my health [paper torn] disordered from head to foot my head is disordered my nose bleeds more or less almos everyday my stomach is out of order my back and hips are so weak at times that I can scarcely walk but notwithstanding all I eat some little three times a day and am not so poor in flesh as might be expected. I feel a great aversion to writing which is the cause I have not answered your former letters, and not from any want of affection to you. Your poor father has been the cause of involving me in great trouble and difficulty and trouble. I hope and pray he and I may be forgiven for all our sins and errors and meet in heaven at last.  
I cannot write much at a time so I must close. Give my love to your aunt [paper is folded] Duncan your brothers. I conclude with a sincere prayer for your welfare in time and eternity so prays

Your G.Father     Henry White

### Document 31

Christiana January the 28<sup>th</sup> 1847

Dear Mary, yours of the first of this month has been received. Your letter is a tale of distress indeed and I sincerely pity you and the family but I am in such a situation that I can do but little for you. I am confined to the house, and yard, and can do and see to nothing. I have been looking for death almost constantly for [paper is folded] but I still am alive. And if I was able to do anything for you I should be afraid to put anything in William's hands. I once sent him a stock of leather from Wilmington. I let him have a house to live in rent free, and good lots to till. I then when he was involved in debt paid \$1150 for him and gave him money to go on with and in a little while he was insolvent again. I then put him on the place where you live and he has been living there rent free evesince, and if he had have had ten times as much it would all have been gone some way or another, but if I could I would help you to keep you from suffering and when I can I will. I hope dear Mary you will remember your suffering time is but short if you live to God which I trust you are doing. If you die in the Lord the suffering of this present time will be lost in eternity where sorrow and dying will forever vanish away. Put your trust in the Lord and look forward to that day.

Let other thing go as they may live by faith [missing word] the son of God and remember he ever lives to enterseed for you at the right hand of God and if you love him all thing shall work together for your good.

Ann is very much afflicted with the rheumatism in her hip and sometimes else where. John the youngest son is rather weakly and delicate. The other boys are healthy and hearty. That grace and mercy may attend you is the sincere prayer of

Your unworthy Frath.

Henry White

**Document 32** (The name is written in the middle of a folded paper.)

Miss Maria Handy

**Document 33**

Thurs Day morning

Dear Sister Having rec'd the Revern'd Mr. Bensons Sermons, and I think received some advantage from them I herewith recommend them to you as containing the greatest body of Divinity I have seen in any sermons that I have red. In them is set forth the nature and design of the gospel and our great need of such a dispensation. The incarnation righteous life meritorious death glorious resurrection and blessed intercession of our Lord with the sending or sheding forth the blessed spirit into the world and into our hearts with its work in us and the necessity of that work in a clearer point of view than I have seen in any sermons here to fore. In them we have set forth to us the Power of the god of this world in blinding the minds of them that believe not which is very necessary we should know and be apprised of that we may shun the snare also the nature and Duration of the destruction and Punishment of the finally impenant. Also the nature and extent of sanctification with the way and means how to obtain it and how to retain it the way to retain it is laid down in an address to those who profess to have obtained that blessing in a sermon on that subject. Now my Dear Sister although hundreds of professors of religion deny the obtaining this blessing in this life and many more that profess to believe it attainable yet content them selves without the blessing and while many that have sought it and have not found it because they sought it not in the way the Lord directs or gave way to impatience and have given way [word is very faint] and many have brought an evil report on the good land. Let us remember that the Lord has promised this blessing to all that seek it aright and let us remember that faithful is he that has promised who also will do it and while we set our eye on the promise and see it though it seems afar off let us claim them as ours and inbrace them and apply the blessings they contain to our own souls. My apology for sending you this book and these lines is. This I know and am convinced of how much value a possessor of holiness is in the eyes of God and of how much advantage in the church of Christ.

**Document 34**

And to all with whom they converse that are desirous to find there way to heaven. What to find every murmering thought taken away to feel perfectly resigned to the will of God

to be thankful under every providence and dispensation to have apeace within that surpasses all understanding even the peace of God. To have the comforts of the Holy Ghost to abide within us to make our hearts glad and our countenance cheerfull to feel within us a source of living comfort to know that I live not but that Christ lives in me and that life is kept by faith in the Son of God to stand and with blessed asurence look up and by faith see my inheritance that is incorruptible and undefiled. These all these is ours in Christ and we possess them when Christ possesses us and has subdued all within us to hem self. And can we possess these and be useless in the church of God. No my sister we shall certainly be of use to all we converse with who are inquiring the way to the heavenly land. Our Lord says such are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Do you not live too much the life of an hermetiss could you not be of greater use amongst our sisters your Talents Education and your Piety justifies the belief that you might. This is the reproof I spoke of but where am I going. I have written more than four times as much as I intended. I conclude with a Prayer to him who is able to do more for us than we can ask or think that he may strengthen us according to his mighty Power unto all patience and long suffering with joyfulness. This is the prayer of him that think it an honour to subscribe him self abrother to the least of Christs Disciples.

Henry White

**Document 35** (This appears in the middle of a folded paper.)

Christiana Del

Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>

Paid 5 cts

Miss Sarah E. White, Daughter of Wm. M. White  
Snow Hill Worcester Co. Maryland

Will Doctr Williams  
Or  
Mr. S. D. Harper send this on

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Jany the 2—[illegible number] 1848 Christiana

My very dear Grand Daughter

Yours of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Inst. was received in due and proper time. I was glad to hear from you all and that you were all well, and also that you have [paper is torn and folded] have an education [torn area] and it would be the delight of my heart to assist you if I could but I am not able I have not the means of doing it. I am not able to attend to my business and my property affoard but a small income. I know not how long I may live in this poor way on expence and I have a number of grand children that wishes help from me. What little I have you will have among you after my death if anything is left. My health is nobetter and I have been in this poor way solong that I dispare of ever being any better. I hope if you have any thought of getting married

you will be extremllly caucious and pray God to direct you in that momentious step. If you could go to Philad. and work your way like Sarah Ann Duncan I could help you alittle as I did her but to send you to boarding school would cost more than \$200 a year and it was to take two years to finish your education. Give my love to your Father and mother and your aunt Sarah Duncan and tell your Father I hope he will guard against the spirit of speculation and to [paper is folded] it is wicked and shews a desire to injure others by getting the best bargin.

Remember that if you put your cause in the hand of God he will direct your going, and above all things live as you would wish to die. I never expect to see any of you in this life may we all prepare for a blessed immortality [when?] all sorrow, and pain, and death shall be for ever banished. [illegible word] eternity, eternity what is time a moment a nothing in comparison of eternity ad-e yo-- [paper fold] G. Father

Henry White

### Document 37

Laurel January 21<sup>st</sup> 1852

My Dear Sister,

Your kind letter was duly received, bearing to me the pleasing intelligence of your safe arrival at home and the good health of the family. It would afford me a great pleasure to be with you again under our paternals roof to enjoy the endearing fondness of the kind hearts of dearly beloved, and dearly remembered, parents. Though they have not enjoyed the bounties of fortune and cannot transmit its wealth to us; they have something to bestow upon their children, which they should appreciate much higher than earthly treasures. It is the noble sentiment of love which the God of Nature has impressed upon the parental heart. It is more enduring than time and immovable as the ocean's rock. The maternal heart will follow the son to a throne, and it will not forsake even the culprit whose crimes have doomed him to the confinement of a gloomy cell or a suspension upon the gallows.

May it be ~~their~~ our happy lot for our parents to live long to bestow their affection upon us and we live long to endeavour to merit and enjoy it.

When I shall be able to go down and see you I can not state as the weather is severe and there is still sickness among the people. I may go down in a few days or I may postpone it until I return from Philadelphia. Abbie is anxious to see her relatives and must go as she has staid longer from them than could have been expected of her. We shall leave for Wilmington as soon as the weather

### Document 38

opens sooner or later, that may not be before March or even April. And if an opportunity presents itself for me to visit Maryland between now and then, I will make use of it; if not I must delay my visit until I return from the north and then if health permits I will not let anything prevent me from doing myself the pleasure of visiting you all. You should have said nothing to our people in regard to your & Abbie's misunderstanding. And let me advise you to say nothing more respecting it to Abbie nor any other person. But return

to Laurel when it suits you and you will be kindly treated as you have always been. And when you shall have advanced far enough in your studies to apply yourself to teaching the branches which you have been studying, you need not suffer yourself to be troubled about your situation, but patiently await the periods when an opening for you shall offer itself for which I shall always be on the lookout for you and procure the first ~~situation~~ respectable situation, as an instructress, for you that may be presented providing I think you capable of fulfilling its duties. I now present, through this letter, a pressing invitation to my esteemed Uncle Littleton to visit me any time between the 1<sup>st</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> of February.(For I don't think I shall go up the country before the 20<sup>th</sup> February) and bring you with him and you and Miss [illegible name] can keep him while we are gone. Mrs. Bacon will also be gone. My best love to you all & Uncle Littleton family. Receive this communication in the same affectionate spirit in which it is tendered to you, and believe me truly

Your affectionate brother  
Wm. H. White

**Document 39** (Document has writing at top in pencil but rest is in ink. Most of penciled writing is illegible except name, Sallie E. White.)

Wilmington Delaware, June [ink spot] 1854

Dear Sister

Your letter was duly received and I was glad to hear from you. I am well as usual and I hope that these few lines will find you and all the family in good health & prosperity. I have just returned from the city of Philadelphia. I have been there to day to procure a situation and have succeeded in getting one in a whole sale store in Market Street No 71, and I intend to go there about the 1<sup>st</sup> of July. I am now doing business for Mr. Wm. McClung a whole sale merchant in Marcket Street Wilmington. I suppose you have red of the recent explosion of powder on the Brandywine, as we sent you a paper wich contained the sad account on May the 30<sup>th</sup> inst as I was siting at the table writeing. I heard a mighty noise as if there was a dreadful earthquake wich shookted the whole city to its very centre. I very soon was on the ground where the noise was heard and behold; it was 3 powder wagons wich had exploded and laid waste all that beautiful part of the city on the brandywine I was walking along

**Document 40**

the street a day or two before and thinking to myself how beautiful a scene it presented to the beholder it was beautifully shaded with trees of all kinds of shubery in a word it was almost the garden spot of Wilmington. But when I went to the place of the explosion I was struck with horror to see the trees all torn in pices the houses all broken down the beautiful situation of bishops –lees was laid in ruins and many others was somwitch injured that they will have to be torn down. It broke window glass two miles from the city and there was 14 horses killed 3 drivers wich I could see nothing of but a few pices wich was carefully gathered in a sack and borne from the scene of mortality and the poor horses where blown in every direction there was not a whole one to be

found perhaps this will suffice for you have red the account no doubt better than I can give it. Brothers family is all well Little Robert is well and grows finely grand

**Document 41** (Some penciled words appear at the top: *father has been to*. Other writing in pencil is illegible.)

father has been to brothers two or three times since I wrote to you but I think he has gone to Christiana now, as I have not seen him for about two weeks. Give my love to father and mother tell them I am doing the best I can for myself tell cousin James Duncan to write to me whenever he needs that \$1500 and I will make arrangements to send it to him by mail tell Edward to save all he can by this fall and I and Brother together will try and get him a situation in some store in Wilmington or Philadelphia. Give my love to King tell him to do all he can to help father until he gets older and then he can also do something for himself give my love to all who inquire for me cousin John & wife Littleton t- wife tell them to write to me.

I remain as ever your affectionate Brother until Death John D. White  
To His sister  
Miss Sallie E. White  
Worcester County Md.

**Document 42** (This is a folded piece of paper with "scribbling" and writing over writing some of which is upside down. The ink is pale and most is illegible. The legible words are below.)

Wilmington Dela

On far right side in printed letters: Sallie E. White  
Under the name in script: money  
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money

**Document 43**

Laurel August 28<sup>th</sup> 1852

Dear Father & Mother.

I have been trying to get down to see you. Every week prevents [?] my return from Philadelphia's last writing. But I have not had a leisure day since that time. The reason of my long silence is referable to the fact that I expected to visit you and hope as that an opportunity would offer for me to leave home. But every day has closed with something new for the morning and I am so situated that my business requires that I should be constantly at my post for that is the great secret process in my profession. If I had had a plenty of spare time and had not been to see you for so long a time I should have failed to discharge a duty due you as my parents—and I should have

been increasing blue [?]. But I feel convinced you are ready and willing to clear me of all want of parental respect for I am [illegible word] of respect toward[?] you as my parents [paper is torn away] as when I [illegible words in torn area] upon your house. My time is shortened I shall be able to write no more at present but think I shall be able to see you in a few weeks and shall avail myself of the first opportunity to visit you.

My love to all the family

Very affectionately your Son

Wm. H. White

**Document 44** (This address is written at the top of a folded paper.)

Postmark is Wilmington [date is illegible]

Paid 3

Mr. John D.[?] White  
Draw Bridge near Vienna  
Dorchester County  
Md.

**Document 45**

Wilmington, March 8<sup>th</sup> 1854

Dear Brother,

Your letter has been received and my present engagements render it necessary that I should reply briefly that I don't know positively that the situation I had in view for you can be obtained at so late a date as the first of April. But as the case be as it may you will be obliged to go to Philadelphia before you ever can know what you are able to do. At a better time you can come we can get you a situation of some kind until a better one is procured. If Edward be competent and steady it might be proper for him to take your situation. You will need at least one very decent suit of clothes before you leave, if you can make out to get here I think I can arrange that matter for the rest of them. What it will cost to travel from your place to Baltimore you perhaps know but from Balt. To Wilmington it will cost, I think only \$2.50. So the travelling part is a trifle. If Mr. Manning can furnish you with \$15 or \$20 or \$25 if you can't do with less I will be responsible to him for it and remit him the amount if he need it at any time, if you get a situation that pays well you can re-- [paper is folded]

**Document 46**

to Mr. Manning but in case you do not get a paying situation i8mmmediately I will pay Mr. Manning as soon as he has need for his money. It is advisable to bring a letter of recommendation from Mr. Manning. As to the situation I spoke of I will ascertain whether it is occupied and if it is not filled I will endeavor to induce them to keep it for you. Write as soon as you determine what you will do.

Affection---- your brother  
Wm. H. White

**Document 47** (Left margin is missing and paper has tears and folds. Ellipses mark the left margin.)

...by these presants That I Henry White of ...--ty, in the state of Delaware, have [illegible word—torn area] constitution...[paper fold obscures most of this line] and...in my place and stead, put and depute James...---ley, of Worcester County, and State of Maryland,...---awfull attorney, for me and in my name, and...ask, demand, sue for, recover and receive, all such...ns of money, debts, goods, wares, dues, accounts, and ...do whatsoever, which as or may be due, owing...belonging to me, or detained [?] from me, by any...or means whatsoever in which balances [?]...and owing by me, to any person or persons whatsoever,...--nting unto my said attorney, by these presants. My...power, strength, and authority, in and about the ...use and take all lawful ways and means ...for the purpose aforesaid and upon the receipt ...debts, due, or sums of money acquittancers...[paper fold obscures most of line] name to make,...And generally , all and every act or acts, things...devices, law, whatsoever needful and ...in a [fold in paper] about the premises, for me and in...[paper folded] perform as fully, --lly, and amply...ter---myself might or could do...[paper is torn and folded]...said, to make a [torn area] –nstitute and aga---...by ratifying, allow[ing?] and holding for firm and...--nd whatsoever my said attorney shall lawfully do...the premises aforesaid, by virtue herof. In witness...hereunto set my hand and seal the second day...the year of our Lord one thousand eight eight.

Henry White                      Seal

**Document 48** (This appears to be the back of the previous document and has a torn right margin. Ellipses will indicate missing margin.)

Worcester County s

On the second [torn area] day of March...thousand eighty [illegible-fold in paper]...me the subscriber, one of the Justices of the pe...county the above named Henry White and a...foregoing Letter of Attorney to be his act and...hand and seal, the on the day and year abo...

James S. Lecomp...

# Letters to and from Edward White, 1854-

## 1893

**Note: The following documents often contain inconsistent spellings of the same name in which the transcriptionist preserved. Also note letters are not always in chronological order.**

### **Document 049**

Letter heading: Wilmington Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 1856

Dear Brother John,

Your letter was duly received and it would have been a pleasure to me to have answered it earlier than this but I deferred it until the present time for several reasons. I am at home only on Sunday, the other part of my time I am engaged from early in the morning 'till late at night in Philadelphia. I have been spending the winter there for the purpose of prosecuting my profession at the hospitals, colleges etc. I shall continue there probably until March before I settle myself to practice. I know of a good situation for you in a large store in Philadelphia if you are competent to perform the task that will be required. The qualifications are that he shall be a young man of good address, sober habits, quick in figures and able to write a good hand. The kind of business that they want a clerk for is to make entries of the goods sold and of course he must be very expert at calculating, besides it is necessary he be a neat & good pensman. You might come to Wilmington in the spring & stop a week or two & see if I can't have your handwriting improved. It is not necessary to say you must prime yourself so as to make a good impression for much will depend upon that. You must get off favorably from Mr. Manning he will not object to your doing a thing likely to advance you. You can come and if you cannot

### **Document 050**

fill this situation satisfactorily I think I can procure one you can until you can do better. Write as soon as you receive this communication and I will write more when I have time. I am in a great hurry now and cannot write more this time but I will say you must try and get here by the 20<sup>th</sup> of March of 1<sup>st</sup> of April.

Grandfather has been to see us recently. Abbie and the Baby are well. Give my love to all our people when you have an opportunity dear Brother.

Affectionately your Brother  
Wm White

Dear Brother John Edw

P. Notice

[words unclear] Notice

Peters [unclear word]      Edward White --White [unclear writing]

The subscriber respectfully informs the [unclear word]

My Emma dear

### **Document 051**

Wilmington April 5<sup>th</sup> 1859

Honorable Judge Harrington

Esteemed Sir,

Attorney Bradford of this city informed me that it is possible you may decide the case in dispute between my Father's children and Charles McClanehan's, the latter of Virginia, at the next session (the 10<sup>th</sup> inst.) of the Court of Chancery. Or you can if you do not see proper to consider it postpone the announcement until another regular session of the Court. I thought if you knew how much you would be accommodating certain parties concerned in this matter who know you your accommodating and obliging disposition would induce you to give in to their wishes in giving a decision at the very earliest date.

I trust your Honor will not take offense at my submitting the following facts.

More than twenty years ago my father failed and all he possessed most of which came through my mother, fell into the hands of my grandfather Rev. Henry White who held it until his decease. While living he dealt out to the family the income

### **Document 052**

in such diminutive parcels as to keep my father dependent and poor. At his death he willed to my father's children about what he had taken from him minus five negro slaves the prop—[page is torn or folded] the property of my mother whom he manumitted and I have no doubt that was the intention of my grandfather to return to the family all he had taken from it when it was not possible for him to make further use of it. My brothers and sister have each a poor farm without the means to improve it and depend upon this "residence" of the estate to accomplish that object.

They have been deprived of its use for more than two [ten?] years. The Virginia heirs have wealth and can afford to keep the estate open especially as they as well as Counsel do not expect to gain much when the decision is made.

My uncle John F .G. White who [unclear word] all this trouble and delay obtained more than his share of the estate from his father during his life time and that excess was intended by him to be paid to his heirs by his son, John, against whom not even a suspicion of failing existed until after he had read the will of my grandfather when he obtained

### **Document 053**

he obtained possession of the Bonds from the Executor in accordance with the direction of the will—winds up his affairs suddenly tells those heirs he has gone to the winds worth nothing, to collect their money from William White's children and cleared out to parts unknown.

Wilmington

### **Document 054**

Powellsville June 21<sup>st</sup> 1867

Dear Sister Abbie,

Your favor was duly read and contents noted. I am pleased to learn that you are all very well and that your sister has come to reside with you is a source of comfort. It no doubt will prove mutual as I think it will for you and the children. If you can make arrangement to dispose of those valuable vacant lots and to retain the one upon which the building is situated I hope you will have less trouble with the matter then you have or do now. Anticipate too the collection of bills and notes, disputed accts to [be?]. You spoke in your letter in regard to the carriage. What have you been offered for it? And what do you propose to take for it? In regard to Robert, positively myself or [next line is very faded. Only clear words are "at Salisbury"]. [unclear word] July next to convey him

out with us [unclear words]. We're glad to have you and Harry come also. Dela. I think you undoubtedly will let accompany Robert if he wishes. If the children wish and are satisfied here, give them a permit to stay from two to four weeks if you can spare them. You do not know what pleasure it affords me to have them come as it seems to be a representative and substitute for my dear lamented departed Bro. The train I think unless altered leaves Wilmington 10:10 A.M. and arrive at Salisbury 3:45. We will meet the children at the depot and shall be taken care of while with me of course. They will want to visit around

### Document 055

to see their Aunt Lizzie which is about 20 miles from us down on the bay shore and if they remain four weeks they will not be able to stay long in a place to my house Uncle Littleton's & Kings. I shall do what I can to keep them all right and make them happy and comfortable. Mary says she wishes for you to come. Why not you will never have a better chance to leave on the account of your sister Mrs. Jackson being there to keep your house unless your other business matters would prevent. A visit "down Country" would probably be advantageous to you but as this letter will not be answered before the time for Rbt to come, we shall expect him at the very least Friday, July 5, it will not be too late for you to come and bring Henry after they return. I suppose you have put little pants on Henry by this. Our family connections as far as I know are all well. I have made up my mind to remove to Berlin next year. I know not yet for a certainty though.

Kiss little Henry for me. [unclear word] at present [unclear word] that remains  
your brother,

Edwd White

The Railroad is being possibly constructed to Berlin from Salisbury and if I move there next year you can ride to my door from yours.

### Document 056

Berlin Apr. 18 1867

My dear Sister Abbie,

I take my pen in hand to write you a few lines to inform you that I arrived safely at home and found all well and am better myself. I am now in Berlin and am going to see our sister—Mrs. S. E. Reed[?] I have not heard from her since your letter from her. Since I have considered the matter about brother's unsettled business, I think taking in consideration your knowledge of his business and competency to settle the estate that by all means you had better do it yourself alone and if there is any

assistance I can render I will do it with pleasure at any time. By that means you will save to yourself some three or five hundred dollars.

Your first duty is to seek two men good for security—proceed to New Castle, give bond, then the question will arise how much you think the Estate will amt. to, the real estate not included [unclear letters] [due on book, cash on hand, amt. of movable such as house hold goods, horse & carriage instruments & now do not think this to be exact for it is merely nominal until appraised. This is merely to give the Orphan's Court some idea of the amt. to place on your Bond.

**Document 057** (right margin on this page appears to have letters or words that are not part of the letter)

Then the next thing to do is to appoint the appraisers) after the appraisalment then an inventory made out by the said appraisers is to be by you returned to the Orphans Court stating what you have or will take at the appraisalment, and what you do not take get an order from the Court to sell with that inventory. You probably will also have to return all Book accounts notes judgments [that are?] due. Separate the good accounts from the bad or those any ways doubtful. Keep them separate. After this being done you can proceed to collect as fast as possible all due the estate. You will be allowed twelve months to close the Estate and longer no doubt if so given it will be found out how much you will have to pay out of the Estate in a short time after you administer. Abbie the Orphans Court will give you all the necessary directions you may need. Ask them particularly when you go to give Bond. (Dr. G. W. Greeney [sp?] a sober upright physician now boarding with our Brother King and has been for some time desired me to say something to you about retaining the office for him as he would like to have it. He is very precise steady and straightforward about 30 years of age is good for the heart or whatever he contracts for no doubt.

**Document 058**

[I/he ?] was acquainted with Dr. and in to see him last year I think. Please write and let me know how you are in Health etc. & family as I am anxious to know and what steps you have taken towards the matter in question. If you have not taken any I do now advise you to take on yourself the task of sole administrix of our Brother's Estate and when you want me send for me. I am at your command though business at home at this season is pressing. It will be a small matter to settle it if there is enough owing to pay the liabilities without the sale of those lots and even that would be a small matter. I know you are capable of the task did I not think so I would advise otherwise.

I know that it is rather a delicate matter to ask for security, but Abbie the Law requires it and this everyone knows and this everyone must give on not [s-----n] Estate. If I was a

resident there and acquainted I would relieve you of all gratis. I sympathize with you in your bereavement and hope that this sore affliction which is for a moment will work out for us all a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

### **Document 059**

I have written a much longer letter than I expected to do when I commenced but I feel so much I cannot say enough. Write soon and let me know about matters direct to Powellsville. Then I should not get it before Monday week if you write so that if it is anything urgent you may know I shall get it Monday week. May kind heaven protect you and us all and at last gather us into one fold. My wife sends her love to you. No more at present. Good Bye,

Edw. White

N.B.

The Orphans Court for New Castle Count or the Register can or will if asked no doubt give you all necessary directions in what way to proceed. Abbie there is nothing abstruse complicated or mixed in the matter. It is merely commonplace business. You will have to act under authority of the orphans court.

EW

### **Document 060**

Wilmington Feb. 28, 1866

My Dear Mother

I have been anxious to hear from you for several weeks and would have written but put it off from day to day to have more time to write for I don't like to just say we are well and hope you are the same. I hope you will be willing to make allowances for me, for where there is a family of children a mother has not much leisure time. De has been poorly for six weeks or more. He has had a bad sore throat—more troublesome this winter than ever before but is now better I hope as the weather becomes pleasant, he will be restored to his former health. My health is better but I am not as strong as I used to be. I feel thankfull it is as well as it is with us. How many blessings are bestowed upon upon us that we

### **Document 061**

do not deserve. I often think if God should deal with us justly and not with mercy where would we be found. Sinful & rebellious creatures as we are—but I feel and trust that the time is not far distant when all will love Him more & serve him better. There has been great revivals in most of the churches in our city never so great a one at our church. I have not been able to attend many of the meetings but I have longed to go. I am glad to be able to tell you that De has attended some of them and seems interested, it is my daily prayer that the Lord will prosper this great and glorius work until all shall know Him from the least unto the greatest. Please excuse this miserably written letter my pen is bad & I am in hurry. Give my love to all the family and a large portion for yourself. Please write when you feel well enough. Yours aff—Abbie F White

### **Document 062**

(written on paper with Humphreys & Tilghman , Salisbury, Md. and drawing/lithograph of the business)

July 19<sup>th</sup> 1884

Mr. EdWhite. Dr Sir: You will understand that Chas Mumford & myself told Mrs.Pollitt that we would give her 10\$ for the strip of land on the South East side of the road leading out to Dickersons. There is two to three acres. We made her this offer because the house was on it. The house is Mumfords & I made the offer for the land thinking we could realize something out of it. I am willing to cancel & give up the 2 acres, but she wants 10\$ for it and \$123—for the 123 acres—making \$13300. As for the house it is Mumfords & you can buy, or he can move it, or it can rot down. Please meet her on it. I am tired of hearing her talk about it.

Yours Truly  
M B Tilghman

### **Document 063**

(written on the same Humphreys & Tilghman stationery as previous document. The number 377 is written over 1.88 in pencil at the top of the page.)

If you wish to find this land you can do so by beginning at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> & beginning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> & continuing the 12<sup>th</sup> line to the beginning of the 3<sup>rd</sup>. The five acres lays somewhere on the South side of the 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> line

(items below appear to be written in pencil)

Due Handy Brittingham 302  
" Samuel Fioreman 252

" E. Foreman	122
" Charles Zimmerman	188
" Samuel Zimm [sp?]	188

262	122
<u>75</u>	<u>14</u>
\$1.87	1.08

#### Document 064

(appears to be written in pencil)

E & Sam	
489 . 2 ft	<u>\$244</u>
Elijah	1.22

Samuel Foreman	1.40
280 yds 2 ft	<u>1.22</u>
	2.62

146 sq ft	146
113 3 .	<u>.84</u>
	230
298.2 ft	<u>1.47</u>
2	\$3.77

#### Document 065

(written on Humphreys & Tilghman stationery)

(1) Mary Anne Pollitt

(2) The property was inherited from her father James Coulbourn.

The 120 acres is Goshen & the 5 acres is I think called "Outlet"

All in Worcester Co.

The original Goshen includes a part of the Jones Land—

and was divided between Jas. Coulbourn & some one else. James Coulbourn taking up the 120 acres who after takes up the 5 acres. Mrs. Pollitt has not nor never has had any papers appertaining to the land. I think she has told me the paper or wills were burned up many years ago in Snow Hill.

Yours etc.  
[unclear initials] Tilghman

**Document 066**

(written on stationery headed "Land Office of Maryland"

Annapolis, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1885

Edward White, Esq.  
Whiton  
Wicomico Co., MD

Dear Sir:

Your favor of this 20<sup>th</sup> inst. duly received. In reply would state that "Luck in Time"--51 acres—was surveyed for Charles L. Bowen the 4<sup>th</sup> January 1848. Returned 12<sup>th</sup> June 1848 and the composition money paid the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 1848. The certificate is now ready for Patent.

Very Respectfully etc.  
J. Thomas Scharf,  
Conv. of Land Office

Jm. Geo. H. Shafer,  
Clk

**Document 067**

(written on Land Office of Maryland stationery)

Annapolis, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 1887

Edward White, Esq.  
Whiton,  
Wicomico Co., Md.

Dear Sir: Please pardon delay in the matter of "Parkers Addition to confirmation." The papers were mislaid for some time, hence the delay. We cannot issue two patents on the same certificate. I return the petition with some alterations in pencil which if you will make and return, will issue the patent at once in the name of Edward White, Elisha Givans and Hetty Cottingham (col.) to hold as tenants in common according to your respective interests. The cost of patent will be \$13.41.

Very Truly Yours,  
Geo. H. Shafer  
Clk.

**Document 068**

(stationery heading: Peter S. Shockley, surveyor  
Surveying and leveling done on short notice)

Salisbury, MD., March 13, 1896

Edward White Esq.

Dear Sir: Enclosed find plat of oyster ground taken up per instructions of Wm. F. Shockley. The colored lots represent lots taken with offsets on your land. The other lots adjoining lots put on the plat to show you the location. The point marked A is the post on the 14 line of your land on the shore of Ellis Bay. I run the fourteen courses you sent me and came in about eight feet of Mr. Powells post to the right. I am very certain you can not hold the point with the courses you sent me unless their should be a call in the 14<sup>th</sup> line which by gratifying would do it.

I have made out certificates and plats for C. White, J.E. White, Wm T. Shockley & Louise E. Shockley.

#### Document 069

and paid acknowledgement and recording fees which were fifty cents for recording each lot and ten cents for acknowledgement of each lot. Please send me principal of my note, date, & credits. Enclosed find bill for work done including recording fees which you will please place to my cr on my note.

I am under many obligations to you for being so kind to me and hope I may be able to be of some service to you or your boys in the future.

Very truly yours,  
Peter S. Shockley

#### Document 070

Envelope addressed to: Edward White Esq., Whiton, Md. Postmarks are Pittsville, Mar. 21, 1889 and Powellville Mar. 21 [year not clear but appears to be 1889]  
Has 2-cent stamp

Perdue Bros. Mortgage

Date 1885 March 7	Mr D [?].	\$500.00
1885 Aug. 1	rent[?] -3-23	<u>9.41</u>
		\$509.41

"	"	J. Sa---Pall	[?]	224.33	28508
1889	Mar. 20	Jul 3.	8-19		<u>6360</u>
					\$348.68

## Document 071

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Seal of Maryland

Annapolis, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> 1884

Mr. Edward White

To THE LAND OFFICE OF MARYLAND, Dr.

1884

Sept.	5	To Special Warrant	3.00
"	"	To Caution 2 acres	.50
"	"	To copy "Addition to Shingle Point."	.85
"	"	To 2 searches	<u>.50</u>
			\$4.85

## Document 072

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	<u>76</u>
	912

This letter is on right side of page:

Brucetown, Va  
Fred'k Co.  
Nov. 6 85

Hon. Edw White

Whiton P.O. Md

My Dear Bro:--

Accept my sincere congratulations upon your re-election to the Legislature of Maryland.

I rejoice in the success of the Democratic ticket in Worcester once more.

That reform element in Worcester county who make some many pretensions for the peoples interest are a dangerous class of people.

Any class of men who would affiliate themselves (following words written vertically in right margin) calling themselves democrats and,--

### Document 073

with a party in which principle is ignored, deserves the censure of all right-thinking people.

I am astonished at Thos. Matthews of Snow Hill. He too joined the Reformers (?)

Where is the consistency of his attempting to reform the political institutions of Worcester County? He is largely responsible for the complexion of the Democratic party of Worcester.

Now Mr. M---- wants to reform those principles, which he has been about eighteen years in perpetuating, as an office-holder under democratic regimes.

For him to repudiate his political mother after having been nourished for eighteen years, by her [unclear word], is a piece of disloyalty equaled only by Billy Mahme's course.

Mahmeism is dead in this state.

Respectfully,  
W. J. Roberts

P. S.

Give my regards to all of the good people of our church.

My health is improving and I am now Principal of "Oak Hill Institute"

W. J. Roberts

### Document 074

This is an envelope with illegible postmark addressed to:

Hon. Ed. White

Whiton P.O.

Wicomico Co.

M-

The envelope has writing and numbers scribbled in pencil and upside down over most of it.

### Document 075

Back of the envelope with a postmark: Baltimore, MD Transit Nov. 6 8 PM 1885

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### Document 076

House of Representatives U.S.,  
Washington, D.C., Nov. 4, 1885

My Dear Sir

At the earliest moment I write you in reply to yours after [unclear word]. Owing to my inability to get to Washington in view of the demands upon my time in the extraordinary campaign in Md. now just closed. I have not been able earlier to effect your release from the P.O. at "Whiton." I am just informed to day however by the Department that Mr. Chas W Shockley has been appointed. You are therefore relieved from any further responsibility as P.M. With my congratulations upon your election to the Legislature.

Yours most truly.

Ed White Esq.

Charles Gibson

### Document 077

Document is an envelope postmarked Easton, Md. Nov. 5 1885.

Return address: House of Representatives U.S.

Addressee: Edward White Esq., Whiton, Wicomico Co., Md

### **Document 078**

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Following is written vertically across the envelope.

John Williams  
Pittsville  
Wicomico Md.  
Voted in W. Berlin

Goldsborough Truitt  
Son of Nehemiah Truitt  
Think is under age.  
Voted in Worcester Co., Md.

### **Document 079**

Articles of agreement made and confirmed this the tenth day of November in the year Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-Six by and between us Henry J. Dennis of the first part and Edward White of the Second part both of Worcester County in the state of Maryland. The said Henry J. Dennis of the first part hereby agrees within Six months from date together with his wife Elisabeth J. Dennis to execute to said White a good and sufficient deed for all the "New Hope Mills and land" and improvements which he bought of King V. White, located in Pittsville District Wicomico Count Maryland, also to give to said Edward White his note obligatory for the sum of Two Hundred Dollars with Interest to begin January the 1<sup>st</sup> 1887. Payable in nine years thereafter for which in consideration of a tract of land this day purchased, of Edward White described as follows: a part of a tract lying and situate in Newark District Worcester County state of Maryland, which said White purchased of Albert W. Vail and Charlotte Louise Vail his wife deed dated

### **Document 080**

November the Twenty fourth 1883. Beginning at the Division Line between said land and the land of James Beathards at a point on the south side of nine Pin Branch. Tax ditch main stem Twenty four feet wide running thence southerly to an eight foot ditch known as the F--- ditch running thence up and with the said F--- ditch to a bridge crossing same; thence running with a division fence on the south side of said ditch as now fenced off by Jacob Schoolfield to the Divisional line of Miss Ellen F--- thence by and with Miss Ellen F--- line to the line of John Showell & is thence with the line of John Showell & is by and with an old ditch to the cleared land on the end of ditch to Jacob Schoolfields cultivated land from thence with a straight line to the northeast corner of a cleared lot on which Isaac Townsend now lives, thence a south westerly course to intersect James Beathards line running thence a southerly course by and with Sam'l Beathard to the beginning. And said land to be survey and

### **Document 081**

canvassed [?] by said Edward White and the said Edward White together with his wife Mary C. White doth agree with the said Henry J. Dennis to give him a good and sufficient deed for the land as above described within the said six months and to pay all taxes on same up to January 1887 and reserve crops for this year 1886. And to the faithful performance of all obligations by both parties we hereby bind ourselves our heirs executor and Administrators in the sum of "Three Hundred" Dollars" in case either should fail in forfeit this obligation otherwise this agreement shall be void and of none effect in ca—[case?]. As witness our hands and seals this the date above written.

Test. [Signature] Henry J. Dennis [word "Seal" beside it]

[Signature] Edward J. White [word "Seal" beside it]

A.K. White

Note: between the signatures of Dennis and White is a line and notation that appears to be "his" and an unclear word that starts with "m."

### **Document 082**

Agreement

Between

E. White & L L [initials could be J L] Dennis

### **Document 083**

Pocomoke City, Md  
January 7<sup>th</sup> 1886

Hon. Edward White

My dear Sir

During the session of the last general Assembly of Maryland, I made report to the governor, of my proceedings up to that period, as Maryland's Boundary Line commissioner.

The Governor communicated the paper, to the House of Delegates, which upon motion of Mr. Martain was accepted and 500 copies ordered to be printed including 50 copies for the Commissioners

Since completing my labors, I have submitted to governor Lloyd, a full and final report of the same---embracing the Report of Lieut. Abbot, and Capt. Charles Jenken [sp?] of the U.S. Topographical and Geodetic Department—as well as the report of Commissioner Bagwell of Virginia to the authorities of his state.

In this my final report, I have been compelled to include a portion of my aflds preliminary Report which I deem proper to be published with the Report of the other officers, above named,

#### Document 084

which have never been published in Maryland.

You will pardon me for calling your attention to this matter, with the request that you have the Report accepted, and a respectable number copies ordered to be printed. These ought to be general copies placed upon the Archives of State. Others distributed among your members and if you please, have a number reserved for the Commissions. Then will it be asking too much of you to send to me by express, such number of copies as may be allowed me, as was done two years ago with my preliminary Report.

If need be, you will explain to the House, when the communication is made, by the Governor. It is possible, the Governor may send the message to the Senate, but more likely to the House.

Should the action of His Excellency, in this case be tardy, will you advise with him in person relative to it?

You will please call the attention of your colleagues to this matter, and I feel sure of their full affiliation

#### Document 085

with you.

Please let me hear from you, and write me freely, not only upon this, but matters in general. Give my regards to Messrs. Walters and Mason. I hope you will have a harmonious and pleasant Session.

I am with great

Respect serving you,  
Wm J. Aydelott

### **Document 086**

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Hon. Edward White  
House Delegates  
Annapolis  
Md.

### **Document 087**

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### **Document 088**

Pocomoke City Md. February 3<sup>rd</sup> 1886  
Edward White  
Messrs Joshua B. Walters--  
House Del. Annapolis Md.  
Gentlemen  
I am requested by Mr. Rowland E. Bivans, to make known to you his desire to be appointed one of the Justices of the Peace for the first Election Dist. Worcester County, and solicit your influence with the Governor in that direction.

The business qualifications and political status of Mr. Bivans are well known to you.

I have the honor to remain,

Very faithfully yours,  
Wm. J. Aydelott

### **Document 089**

P.S.

Mr. White has not informed me if the Governor has yet sent my Boundary Line Report to the House or Senate or what disposition has been made [paper is torn but words appear to be "of it"]. May I hear from him Mr. White on the subject? As I wrote to him at length two weeks ago.

I was in Snow Hill yesterday and met several old familiar friends, but heard no news of special interest in that section.

I learned that your colleague Mr. Ste phen E. Mason, was convalescing.

Can you gentlemen accommodate me to a copy

### **Document 090**

of the Report of our Comptroller Treasurer and Tax Commissioner [paper is torn and part of word is missing]

Yours,  
Wm J. Aydelott

### **Document 091**

Document is envelope postmarked Pocomoke City, MD Feb. 3 1886 and addressed:

To the Honorables Edward White  
and  
Joshua B. Walters  
House Del.  
Annapolis  
Md

### **Document 092**

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### **Document 093**

Powellsville  
Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> 1886

My Dear Father

I received your letter Tuesday afternoon was very glad to know that you were well and enjoying yourself. I am staying at Uncle Kings this week. Havn't been home since Sunday they were all well then but Grandmother she had the headache. Aunt Jennie has been sick but she is getting better now. It has been snowing here ever since yesterday morning about 4 o'clock and is still snowing. It is two feet deep in some places.

#### Document 094

Eddie was home Sunday. He heard Ella Reed ha was very sick. Havn't heard anything more from her, but I hope she is better. Am taking very good care of myself this cold weather. Hope you will not attempt to come home Saturday unless the weather changes very much. I went in the ice a little while day before yesterday but it did not hurt me. All send love to you.

With much love I am

Your loving daughter  
Florence White

#### Document 095

February 4<sup>th</sup> 1886

Dear Father

We are all well. It has been snowing for to days and nights and is still snowing. their are some banks up to my shoulder. We haven't had any more then to good day since you left home. Carries pigs are all living. We have Edie sheep up. Edie came home Friday. the river is the highest it has been this winter. We shiped 34 chickens yesterday & geese. We shiped them to Shandley [sp?] Davis. tell Uncle James Grandmother is here and is well. Mr. charley Mumford gave me a dog. Mother sends her love and says you must write. Roscoe White.

#### Document 096

Mc Master Md  
Febry 8 1886

Hon Edward White

My Dear Sir

In reply to your favor of the 4th I will say that I think it well we should retain the present register "Theodore Stagg" who did what he could for the entire ticket. It would be appreciated both by him and his friends could he be retained. As to

the Magistrates I don't think either of them voted the entire ticket. One of them did what he could against

### Document 097

the ticket. The other one voted for Mr. Mathews. Mr. Townsend thought we had better have a change in one of them and I am of the same opinion. I will write him and get his views. You also might do the same in person or by letter. For your kindness please accept my thanks. Will write you as soon as I can hear from friend Townsend.

Yours Very Respectfully,  
E. W. McMaster

### Document 098

There are 2 documents. One is an envelope postmarked Pocomoke City, MD Feb 8 1886 addressed: Mr. Edward White

House of Delegates  
Anapolis

Second document is a torn ledger page:

SUBSCRIPTION \$1.00 per year in advance  
Pocomoke City, MD Oct 27 1886.

Mr. Edward White

To PENINSULA LEDGER, Dr.  
MERRILL & CO., PUBLISHERS

Aug. 1 1886	To Sub. To Ledger to	
	Aug 1-87	\$1.00
		Rec'd Payment
		A.J. Merrill

### Document 099

Cedar Hall  
July 9<sup>th</sup> 1886

Dear Mr White

Your note received on Saturday, knowing you have a great deal to look after I very much appreciate your kindness in writing. We have been completely snowed in and had no mail for three days. The debates in the Senate are able and interesting and I wish I was there to hear them. It looks as if the Hayes bill will not pass the Senate.

Please write to me confidential if it will pass both houses I am sure you can find out before it comes to a vote. If the convention is called this year it hardly is worth the trouble and expense Whave a special election if it is not gaining to pass it looks to me as if there ought to be an election very soon, but I am in the hands

### **Document 100**

of my friends on that subject and I really wish I could find out what the party desired and thought best on that subject. I believe with effort interest and party recognition I could be elected, though it would cost some effort. I do not believe our friends desire any changes in magistrates and register in this district. I will find out and write you if any change is desired. We all want Mr. Dale retained in the State board of education. Geo Purnell has had the chief judge in all the election districts summoned to Snowhill this week. Barnes and Dr. Marshall went through Stockton district some days ago to get the affidavits of the negroes left off the poll book, we are doing nothing until they get through, but everything that is done leads to a new election. Is John W. Henry in Annapolis still?

### **Document 101**

Will J. J. Devereaux and others who voted the republican ticket be reappointed? I notice you have started a bill to stop the sale of liquor in Libertytown how can you prevent it? Any advice and suggestions from you will be gladly received. Write come when ever you can my regards to Mr. Walters and Mr. Burbage you and Walters have been very kind to me and I shall never forget it, and if I was with you in Annapolis we would get along most pleasantly together. Always your friend

S.K. Dennis

I may be in Annapolis in two weeks, it all depends upon Purnell & Barnes.

### **Document 102**

Envelope postmarked: Pocomoke City MD Feb 9 1886

Addressee:

Hon. Edward White  
Annapolis  
Maryland

### **Document 103**

Berlin February 11<sup>th</sup> '86

Hon. Edward White,

Dear Sir:

Yours of 4<sup>th</sup> inst. was received and I was very glad to hear from you. Would have answered sooner but thought better to talk with our friends before doing so.

You ask my opinion concerning an alteration of the present road-law and of the exemption of the Corporate towns from working a mile beyond their incorporate limits. I wish to say very plainly that to allow this to be done would, in my opinion, be the most unjust and unequal thing possible. And that I believe that Snow Hill is the only town in either Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Co. and that even had the brass to ask such a thing; and yet for the past 3 sessions of

**Document 105** (numbered as page 2 by the letter writer)

the Legislature they have tried to get out of it and once thought they had sneaked such an act through. Now I do not want you to compromise me in the matter but ask you to examine the facts before giving your sanction.

There are in Snow Hill over 300 men subject to call on the roads and if you should do as they ask there will be at least 150 men to every mile to be worked.

You should remember that the Corporate limits of that place extend only to the Bridge on the West, Burrows' gate on the North, and Depot on the East.

If this should be allowed I do not believe there will be, on an average, over 4 men to the mile for the Supervisors to call on and also that they can compel a man to work as far as 4 miles from home.

**Document 104** (the letter writer numbered this as page)

There is some fear here that you may allow that Baltimore Co. known as the "Synnepuxent Improvement Co." to get riparian rights that are denied to our own citizens. We think the thing a humbug gotten up by some speculators who think such legislation would increase the value of most of our beach which they have already taken up. We are willing to give them all the rights they ask on the condition that they make and insure an inlet and we want their title to depend on this.

With regard to Magistrates in E.& W. Berlin most of our own friends think it best to continue all the present incumbents with the addition of John M. Dale in West Berlin.

You will most likely get a petition in a few days asking for the appointment of John Bishop as register in place of T.E. Powell, and also a letter

**Document 106** (the letter writer numbered this as page 4 of above letter)

from L. P. Franklin.

Am sure that you already know that I am an applicant for an assessors place and would like you to advise ~~you~~-me whether I had better get up my petition at once or will till the law authorizing the new assessment is passed. Please let me hear from you soon and obliging,

Yours,  
Elijah B. Caray

**Document 107**

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Hon. Edward White  
House of Delegates  
Annapolis Md.

**Document 108**

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Cedar Hall  
Feby 17<sup>th</sup> 1886

Dear Mr. White

Your very kind letter written from Wilmington I received Saturday night and I fully appreciate your efforts in my behalf, but I am quite sure Mr. Henry is too resolute a man ever to yield in any undertaking he sets out upon. Mr. Henry went on the ticket to break down all who were nominated as friends of the Snow Hill people and I believe he will make any sacrifice of time, money and party to accomplish that end, and Purnell and Barnes encourage him in what they consider such a laudable undertaking. They are taking a great amount of testimony and his counsel and witness fees will be enormous though that is none of

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I hope to be in Annapolis by Tuesday week possibly before and if you can spare the time write to me this week. My regards to Messrs Walters & Burbage.

Sincerely your friend  
S. K. Dennis

I have never spoken of the contents of your last letter to anyone not even to counsel.

S. K. D.

I will go to Annapolis whenever you advise me; but as we can't take any testimony until the other side finish, it is unnecessary to go until we are ready with the testimony

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**Document 109** (appears to be pages 2 and 3 of Document 108)

(left side)

my business if he sees fit to spend his money that way. They will take testimony all this week and Geo. Upshur will begin for our side this Monday. I don't know what testimony Geo. Upshur proposes to take. The Wicomico men I don't suppose would testify they voted for Henry and I don't know that they would attend at all. If however any reliable man saw them vote a ticket with Henry's name on it that is as good proof as if the man testified and the Senate would so consider it. I am quite sure the Senate would pay Henry the 500\$ and they ought as the judges declared the tie and there is no reason that either of us should give up without an investigation and the state ought to pay the cost of the investigation. But as I said above neither he or Geo. Purnell are men to compromise.

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As I have never abused Henry said nothing against his honesty nor wronged him in any way I am perfectly willing to talk with him frankly and freely on politics or any other subject. I do not quite agree with Dr. Goldsborough about the early call bill. I believe after the Hays bill passes the house a Committee of Conference will get up a bill that will pass the Senate and call the Convention this year. Henry Page is in Annapolis in the interest of the oystermen. I hope you will see him. I hope the Caroline democrats will get in the man is poor not able to stand another election and Caroline Co. is republican. This election contest bothers me so much that I can take very little interest in my private business and have really accomplished nothing this year

**Document 110**

House of Representatives U.S.  
Washington, D.C., Febry 25, 1886

My Dear Sir:

I have the pleasure of yours of a day or so since. I have had the desired documents mailed to you at Annapolis. If I can serve you further in any way, please command me.

Yours most truly,  
Chas. H. Gibson

Edward White Esq.

**Document 111**

Pocomoke City, Md  
February 25<sup>th</sup>, 1886

Dear Mr. White.

You must pardon me for again troubling you, in relation to the publishing of my State Boundary Line Report, submitted to the governor last fall.

It ought to be published by the Legislature by all means. I have not been able to see in the papers any allusion to it. Please see the proper clerk in your Body and learn of him the Committee that may have it in hand. It may be the committee on Foreign Relations, or the Judiciary or Federal Relations or some

(on right side of letter)

Envelope postmarked Pocomoke City, Md Feb. 25, 1886

Addressee:  
Hon. E. White  
House Delegates  
Annapolis  
Md.

**Document 112** (appears to be continuation of Document 111)

other committee that may have overlooked it.

Please look it up and have several hundred copies printed—several to be filed in the Archives of State-Law in the Land Office, several copies sent to the commi---. I would like to have fifty copies myself [unclear initials]

Call upon my old friend Dr. Gale of Somerset. He will help you. Write me at length about it.

Did you see my article in the Supplement of the Balt. Sun about the 6<sup>th</sup> dist. [?] in relation to taxing mortgages. I trust you and each of your colleagues, as well as others, concur with me, and if possible change the Law so as to have mortgage taxes [unclear word] in with other L-----. It is an outrage at present for so many [unclear word] with us, to go untaxed while the landed interest is so heavy burdened.

Give my very respectful,  
to your colleagues, Walter, and Mason

I am your friend  
Wm J. Aydelott

### Document 113

(The following appears at the top of the page above the date and appears to be in different handwriting)

This would avoid all duplicity & doubt as to double tax more over there is no equity--& sense in a man paying on that which he has not. the objective urged[?] is every [unclear word] things had better be complex & right than simple & wrong & I have never been able to see the complexity—[initials appear to be Shd]

Snow Hill, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> 1886

Mr. E. H. White—[3 letters, HSL?]

My H Sirs: In the absence of a Senator from Worcester I forward within memorial to you to pass over to Mr. Peters of Mont. Co. The introducing of said bill or whatever disposition you deem best to make of same.Md. You are aware sa---- arriving the first in the use of fertilisers for various farm products—these people should be protected in every way possible moreover they try & test all things new & old and in this

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Addressee:

Mr. Edward H. White  
Annapolis

### Document 114

way [---]scope as it were all [unclear word] to the farmers at large saving them years of toil, trial & expense. Germany overflowing with education & intelligence has utilised her resources by this means & so has every state & county wherever they have been tried. There has been no failure as yet, there can't be any with efficient workers at the helm. so a called convention is killed. The assessment will go on & mortgages still go scotfree. The exemption of any capital the like is wrong. What should be here as in N. York every one should be exempt to amt. of indebtedness. Immortalise [?] yourself in this direction

Yrs. Truly    Geoffrey Ward

### **Document 115**

United States Postal Card postmarked Berlin MD. Date is not legible.  
Addressed to:

Hon. Edward White  
House of Delegates  
Annapolis,  
Md.

### **Document 116**

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Berlin, Md. Mar 31/86

My dear Sir: I write very hastily to ask you to look after our bill amending the Charter of Ocean City. I fear it may be forgotten in the Senate. Mr. Jackson will I know have an eye to it if you mention it. The C---- and [unclear word] are anxious for it.

Thanking you for all favors I am yrs    B. J. Taylor

### **Document 117**

New York Hotel, New York City  
March 31-1886

Hon E A White  
Dear Sir

Mr. L. Showell called to see me yesterday and read to me a portion of a letter he had received from you a day or two ago. From it, I infer the Isle of Wight Inlet [&?] c bill had been so amended as to make it generally satisfactory to the people of Worcester Co and had passed both branches of the Legislature and ere this has probably received the governor's signature.

If you can procure me a printed copy of the Act as finally passed I will esteem it a great favor.

I desire to thank you most cordially for the consideration you have given to such suggestions as I have made which I believed to be in accord with the sentiment of a very large majority of the people living in the vicinity of

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Addressed to:  
Hon. E A White  
House of Delegates  
Annapolis  
Maryland

#### **Document 118**

of the Isle of Wight & Sinepuxent bays.

I sent you by express two coastal charts-extending from Cape May to Chincoteague Island, thinking they might be useful at the time and for future reference. Did they reach you,

Very truly yours  
Stephen Taber [sp?]

#### **Document 119**

New York Hotel, New York City Apr 2/86

Hon Edwd White

My Dear Sir

Yours of the 31<sup>st</sup> Mar was received last evening. I wrote to you I think the same day on which your letter was dated asking for substantially the information you have given me. It will be unnecessary for you to take any further trouble as that information fully answers my request. I beg again to thank you most sincerely for the trouble you have been to in getting the matter in proper shape. The bill was one of very great importance to the people of your county and I think you have seen to it that their rights have been thoroughly protected and maintained. That it has been a troublesome matter I have not the least doubt. But you have the satisfaction of knowing you have performed your whole duty and accomplished what you undertook to do and that is

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1500  
1129  
\$ 73

## Document 120

the best recompense for all your labor. The maps or charts I of course intended you should keep and if you will send me your address I shall take great pleasure in forwarding to you the two additional sheets, which with the two you have will embrace the coast survey from Cape May to Norfolk Va. I shall hope to make your acquaintance in the event of my visiting Ocean City during the coming season which it is my intention to do.

Very truly yours  
Stephen Taber

## Document 121

"Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

Womans Christian Temperance Union,  
**MARYLAND.**

Prest., MRS. JAMES CAREY THOMAS, 317 Madison Ave.  
Cor. Sec., MRS. SUMMERFIELD BALDWIN, 398 Madison Ave.  
Asst. Cor. Sec., MRS. JAMES LAKE, Mt. Washington  
Rec. Sec., MRS. E.B. MURDOCK, 96 Division Street  
Treas., MISS FANNIE A. CATHCART, 511/2 S. Broadway

Balto.2 4 1886

Hon. Edward White,

Member of the House of Delegates

Will you kindly give your attention to a Bill, which is to come before the House this week requiring all the public schools of the state to provide for the study of Physiology and Hygiene with special instruction as to the nature and effects of alcoholic stimulants and narcotics upon the human system.

Laws similar to the one proposed, have been passed in fourteen states and many parents and others are very

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anxious to have the present Legislature pass such a law in Maryland.

We think the children ought to be made to understand the evil effects of stimulants, before they become addicted to their use and know of no better way to accomplish this, than to have them taught in the Educational Institutions of the state.

If you approve the Bill, will you do what you can for it and oblige.

Very Respectfully  
Mary W. Thomas  
Pres. W.C.T.U. of Md.  
J. L. Baldwin  
Cor. Sec.

## Document 122

Indian Town Worcester County Md April 14 1856

Dear Grand Father

Your letter of the 15 inst came duly to hand and we were truly glad to hear that you were well. You spoke of my being at the place that I was which of a truth is not a proper place for a person of my years & bearing but notwithstanding this you know circumstances alter cases. Perhaps we would if we could but the little word could is in the way. Father is at this time in the field plowing. He appears like one crazy more then otherwise. I am sorry that you are compelled to speak of John in the manner which you have to but I suppose you feel it your indispensable duty to prevent greater events but the time is approaching when we shall all both great & small Rich & poor righteous & unrighteous shall have to appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ to give an account for all of our deeds done in the body. Yes for only vain and idle thought & every word we say well might the sun in darkness hide and shut his glories in when Christ the mighty Maker died for man the creature sin. See young Gideon out to fight with no other weapon but his light. Edward White

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Wilmington March 13<sup>th</sup> 1856

My dear Grand Son. I gave orders to James Duncan to give you \$10 which I suppose you have recd. I see by Sally's letter to your Br. John that you are in Mr. John Dennis store where I am rightly informed you sell intoxicating liquors. Now I think such a place is both mean and dangerous it is mean because of its being the place where the meanest people resort the drunkard, and it is dangerous because of the constant temptation to become a tippler and a drunkard. You know the word of truth saith evil communication corrupts good manner or morals. Now I advise you as soon as you can get any other business to leave that filthy place. I hope and pray you will learn to conduct yourself with dignity and uprightness such as becomes a moral young man if not a religious one. H. White

Sally E White I see by your letter to your Br. John that you express a wish that he may outlive all the slanders down there against him. I had much rather you had written to

him if he ever came down to your place, to conduct himself so that there could no  
vile/evil[?] thing said of him, and have put the blame on him where it belonged, than to  
excuse him and lay it on others. If he has been spoken evil of I am sure it is because he  
has not behaved himself with uprightness and propriety as a young man should, or not  
in consistence with his profession of religion, he has mixed with bad company, or drank  
intoxicating drink which everybody of sense knows does not become a professor of  
religion. I know from what has taken place here that what I say is the truth. I am sorry I  
have to write so much in the way of reproof but it is from a desire for your good and a  
desire to prevent greater evils. That a kind providence may direct you all safe through  
this life and ultimately bring you all to eternal life is the sincere desire of your grand  
father.

Henry White

#### **Document 124**

Received July the 22<sup>nd</sup> 1881 of Levin S. Melson & Ezekiel A. Melson Two hundred and  
sixty one dollars and ninety one cents in full for my part of the proceeds of the sale of the  
Warrington farm sold by commission as the property of John Hamblin dec. to  
Edward White and Charles Hamblin and sold by them to the said Melsons

Test

Charles S. Hamblin

Joshua T Hamblin

Recd. July 22 1881 of Levin S. & Ezekiel A. Melson Two hundred and sixty one dollars  
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Farm sold by commission as the property of John Hamblin dec. to Edward White and  
Charles Hamblin and sold by them to the said Melsons.

Test

James Whaley

John S. Hamblin

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Warrington Farm sold by commission as the property of John Hamblin dec. to Edward  
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James Whaley

Joseph Hamblin

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Test James Whaley

Joseph Hamblin

## Document 125

Red Sept 21 1882 [?] of Edward White and Charles Hamblin the within in full payment  
By Deed for the Warrington farm Bought at [unclear word] sale of the Heirs of Capt.  
John Hamblin by said White& Hamblin bearing this Date

L.S. Melson & Bro

Recd Sept 21 1882[?] of Edward White and Charles Hamblin Payment in full for the  
within by Deed for the Warrington farm this date

L.S. Melson & Bro

Recd. Sept 21 1882 of Edward White and Charles Hamblin the within in full payment by  
Deed for the Warrington farm [unclear words]

L.S. Melson & Bro

Recd Sept 21, 1882 of Edward White and Charles Hamblin the within in full By Deed for  
the Warrington farm described in Commission report as Col [unclear word] bought by  
Edward White and Charles Hamblin at [unclear word] sale

L.S. Melson & Bro

Document 126

Recd Sept 21 1882 of Edward White and Charles Hamblin Payment in full for the within amount by deed this date

L.S. Melson & Bro

Recd Sept 21 1882 of Edward White and Charles Hamblin Payment in full for within by  
Deed for the Jno.. Hamblin land called the Warrington farm within named Bearing this  
date

L.S. Melson & Bro

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L.S. Melson & Bro.

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Test John S. Hamblin	Charles S. Hamblin
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### Document 128

Envelope postmarked Snow Hill MD. 27 1886

Addressed to:

Edw White Esq.  
Mem. House of Delegates  
Annapolis  
Maryland

Written vertically on the envelope are printed words: If not delivered within 10 days, to be returned to In handwriting: Dr. Purnell, Snow Hill Md.

Snowhill Md.  
March 27<sup>th</sup> 86

My Dear Mr. W:

I have one or two or more statements to briefly and hastily make.

1. Please accept my thanks for your considerate and prompt attention in furnishing me with the Sixth report of State Board of Health.
2. I cannot imagine where originated the ridiculous idea of a new charter to incorporate Snowhill [*insertion in italics*] -- *repealing old one*--even mentioning names of Corporators as authorizing 25 cts (in \$100). Certainly it was never remunerated [?] by our citizens as a people as I am entirely satisfied they would disapprove; no time now for increased taxation in this county or for the

citizens of any part of it. I was not aware till 2 or 3 hours ago that any such bill had ~~passed~~ gone through one reading even. But apart from taxation it is a foolish thing to say the least.

3. Last fall a day or two before election I, in a communication to the Dem. Messenger stated that I did

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not believe there was any such thing as so called bossism so far as Worcester Co was concerned i.e. in the sense in which the word had been used. But if the said Corporation bill should pass I shall begin to think I was mistaken or that there is now something wrong somewhere.

Or I will begin to think same thing if ~~certain~~ any assessor (or assessors)—for Worcester Co—should be appointed who has been defrauding creditors I mean withholding money for purpose of speculation, especially when I am one of those creditors (for there I become a proper witness) whether it be to a great or small extent for the principle is the same and I should have no confidence in either the judgment or the honesty of such persons. The D party—not the Governor—ought to be responsible for any improper appointments.

Trusting in your good judgment and with confidence in your fairness

I am truly very respectfully yours,

J[?] B R Purnell

E. White Esqr

Mem. H. Delegates of Md.

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Berlin MD.

March 25<sup>th</sup>

Dear Father,

I arrived at Berlin at half past one this afternoon, all safe and sound and am going over home tomorrow. Mr. Horsey was as kind as he could be. When we arrived at Baltimore he first took me up Washington Monument, then to the Peabody Institute, Enoch Pratt Library, to Hurst Miller & Co. store where he selected me a pair of shoes then to the University Hospital. I did not like Baltimore as well as Annapolis. So I came home sooner than I expected to.

Your Affec Son J. E. W,

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Envelope postmarked Berlin, MD Mar 26 1886  
Addressed to: Mr. Edward White  
House of Delegates  
Annapolis Md

March 27<sup>th</sup> 1886

My Dear Father;

We are all as well as usual. Eddie arrived home yesterday afternoon all right, he says he likes Annapolis better then he does Baltimore. Cordelia Ellis and Mr. Robert Powell were married last Wednesday night two weeks. She was married at home. John Shockly Rose May Florence and I all went. Car-- Lewis and Florence Dennis are also married. Mr. Holloway is very sick. Uncle John stayed there all night last night. Cousin Nelia Lowe was here Tuesday. Ed wants

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Flora to go back to Berlin with him, but she can't go because she promised Cousin Nelia she would go there next Tuesday if she would send for her. Chip has a nice little calf she thinks there is nothing like it. Aunt Hester received a letter from Tommie the other night she said she was going back to Mr. Moore and stay four or five days and then come home. I expect it will be four or five weeks though. Ed and Flora have gone to Powlsville this afternoon to have the carriage spring mended. I must cease writeing as it is mail time. Please excuse bad writeing and all mistakes as I am in a hurry.

With much love, Good-bye.

Lovingly your daughter A lida

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Envelope postmarked Pocomoke City MD Apr 3 1886  
Addressed to: Hon. Edward White  
House Delegates  
Annapolis  
Md.

Pocomoke City Md.  
April 3rd 1886

My dear Mr. White,

Your esteemed favor of 23<sup>rd</sup> [unclear word], informing me you had ordered 1000 copies of my report printed, was duly received, for which you will accept thanks.

But I fail to see, or hear, any further tidings of the report.

Will you please inform me, of the final disposition of the paper. And if printed, let me have a number of copies. If not printed, please procure the report and send the manuscript to me by mail or express.

Do not fail to get the manuscript paper, if not printed, you are entitled to it.

I remain very faithfully your friend,

Wm J. Aydelott

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Baltimore penitentiary Md. August 5<sup>th</sup>, 1886

Edward White Esq.

Dear Sir. I received a letter from Senator E. E. Jackson of Salisbury last week in response to one that I wrote him a few days previous on the subject of liberation, and I am now thoroughly convinced that you and your Bro. King V. White hold my destiny in your right hands, and when ever you two men make the proper effort, my liberation will speedily and surely follow, for there is no secret influence working on the governor except the willful neglect of my cowardly relatives. Consequently if my confinement in this prison is perpetuated much longer, you two men must be held responsible for it for you both used your influence to have me sent here and now it is your duty to use that same influence to get me pardoned. I have done all I possibly can to bring about a reconciliation between myself and family and if it is a failure, it will not be any fault of mine. You certainly know that there is quite a contrast in me now and ten years ago. Therefore it will not be wise in you to trifle with a man of my nervous temperament. And now in conclusion I would just say that it is no fault of mine that men die and make strange wills.

Yours respect  
Ara Davis

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Office of  
Frank Vaughan,  
Attorney-at-Law,

Elizabeth City, N.C., Sep 13 1888

Msrs White Adkins [unclear word]:

Your letter of 7<sup>th</sup> inst at hand. The parties who spoke of purchasing your land in this county offer \$900 for the tract. They say that is their highest offer.

Very Truly

Frank Vaughan

### Document 136

Envelope postmarked Elizabeth City N.C. Oct 24 12 M 1888.

Return address: FRANK VAUGHAN, Attorney at Law, Elizabeth City, N.C.

Addressed to:

Msrs White Adkins [unclear word]  
Whiton  
Md

Wicomico County

Office of  
Frank Vaughan,  
Attorney-at-Law,

Elizabeth City, N.C., Oct 24 1888

Msrs White Adkins [& Co?]:

As I have had no reply from you to my letter of several weeks ago I have concluded that it may have miscarried. The letter was in relation to the Chance Ridge Tract. I said that \$1000 could be had for the tract.

I would be glad to know 1<sup>st</sup>, whether you wish to sell the land, 2<sup>nd</sup>, if so, at what price and upon what terms.

Please reply as soon as convenient.

Very Truly  
Frank Vaughan

### Document 137

OFFICE OF  
**D.M.WYGANT,**  
COMMISSION MERCHANT  
CALVES, LAMB, SHEEP AND PORK,  
POULTRY AND GAME A SPECIALTY,  
267WASHINGTON STREET,  
New York,

REFERENCES:

PEOPLE'S BANK, New York  
QUASSAICK NATIONAL BANK, Newburgh  
COMMERCIAL REPORTS.

June 25, 1888

Dear Sir,

In consequence of the sickness of one of my  
bookkeepers I have been unable to get returns to you. Hoping you will excuse delay.

I am truly,  
DM Wygant

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Apples, Berries  
Peaches, Potatoes  
Sweet Potatoes  
Dried Fruit,  
Tallow, Flour, Eggs.  
And all kinds of  
COUNTRY PRODUCE

FOLIO 16              New York, June 21, 1888  
**D.M. WYGANT,**  
COMMISSION MERCHANT  
**CALVES, LAMB, SHEEPAND PORK**

**POULTRY & GAME  
A SPECIALTY.**

267 WASHINGTON STREET

**Sold**              **For**              **Mr. E. White**              **Whiton,Md**

[Note: Some figures below are written in pencil while most are printed or in ink. The ones printed or in ink are in bold.]

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		<b>E.&amp;O.E.</b>		<b>Net</b>			<b>17.97</b>
		<b>Proceeds,</b>					
		<b>Enclosed please find check to balance, and hope the same will prove satisfactory.</b>					
		<b>Yours, Very Truly, D. M. WYGANT.</b>					

### Document 139

An envelope postmarked New York, June 22, '88.

Return address: D.M. WYGANT, Commission Merchant, Apples, Berries, Peaches, Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Live and Dressed, Poultry, Game, Eggs, Beans, Dried Fruit, Tallow, Flour, And Dressed Stock, and all kinds of Country Produce.

(torn edge) **67 WASHINGTON ST.,**

**NEW YORK**

Addressed to:      E. White  
                          Whiton, Md

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SAM'L A. GRAHAM,  
ROB'T p. GRAHAM  
Attorneys-at-Law.

Salisbury, MD November 10, 1888

Edwd. White Esq.

Dear Sir,

Mrs. Morris has been to see me and says she has parted with her husband on account of his Drunkenness. She lives in Laurel and calls her self Mrs. Morris and her late husband has gone. She wants me to get her money and send it to her. I mean the money from the Duncan Estate.

Yours Truly,  
Sam'l A. Graham

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(corner is folded over)

Office of  
Frank Vaughan,  
Attorney-at-law

Elizabeth City, N.C. Nov. 23 1889

Messrs White Adkins [unclear]

Please send me your chk for \$10 for your taxes of the present year & to cover my charges for services to this date.

Frank Vaughan

Envelope postmarked Elizabeth City N.C. Nov. 1889

Return Address: FRANK VAUGHAN  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
ELIZABETH CITY, N.C.

Messrs. White Adkins [unclear]

Whiton,

Md

Wicomico County

**Document 142**

1011 G. St., N.W.

Washington, D.C.  
Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, 1889.

Edward White, Esq.

My Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> of Jan. It was delivered yesterday. You simply addressed it to me at Washington without putting my no. or the U.S. Senate on the envelope, hence the delay.

I will be glad to send the parties named by you any pub. docs. to the credit of the Senator at this time, but are for offices to be filled this fall. The Clerkship should by all means go to Berlin.

There should be concessions made by [unclear words] in my part of the Co. and a fair and amicable settlement & distribution of the offices which the upper part of the Co. is entitled to.

I believe the greatest harmony should prevail in our next convention, and the ticket should be made of strong, popular & capable men, & that all parts of the Co. should be recognized on the slate.

If this is done, we shall not only win but regain our majorities which we have lost in the last few years.

Your friend,  
E. D. Martin

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unable to supply them with a copy of his speech on the Tariff, for the reason that the issue has been exhausted for a long time. There have been a great many applications for it—many more than we could fill.

It was a great speech on that most important subject.

Senator Wilson is making for himself a great & good record. His speeches on all questions are always classed among the best by brother Senators.

All of his work here of a literary character has a touch of refinement and culture about it which has justly won him the reputation of being a great scholar, able statesman and devout Christian.

The state of Maryland ought to be proud of him & I think she is.

He ought unquestionably, without the shadow of a doubt, to be his own successor.

The State ought to honor him with a second term. By so doing she would be doing great honor to herself.

I would like you to write me the status of politics, if I may so speak, in our County. I would like to be informed who are avowed candidates

**Document 144**

Pennsylvania Steel Company  
Maryland Extension

Baltimore Office,  
No. 25 Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 111

New York Office,  
No. 2 Wall Str.

Sparrows Point, Md

Philadelphia Office,  
No. 208 So. Fourth St.

Baltimore

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1889

Mr. Edward White  
Whiton P.O.  
Wicomico Co. Md

DrSir:

Yours of 25<sup>th</sup> inst received. In reply would say that we have no use whatever for Ore described therein.

Yours very respy  
F.W. Wood  
General Manager

**Document 145**

Office of  
SOUTH MILLS,  
CHARLES L. HINTON, Proprietor.  
Manufacturer of and Dealer in  
BOLTED MEAL ALL KINDS OF LUMBER,  
BUYS AND GINS SEED COTTON.

Harrell's Print, Weldon, N.C.

SOUTH MILLS, N.C. Oct. 17, 1889

Mr. Edward White

Dear Sir

Your favour of the 14<sup>th</sup> at hand. There is talk of a R.R. from

Moyole [sp?] here, and the road has been surveyed and that is all. I think there will be a branch Road by here in the near future. Moyole is 12 miles from here and there is some good timber both Juniper and Pine but can't tell whether or no it can be purchased. I do not think there is any Cypress. There are several small bodies of good Heart Pine about here but can't tell whether or not they are for sale. The Road if built will be 4 or 5 miles from Chaner [sp?] Ridge

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When you do come down do not fail to come over to see me. I am manager for this mill whose ad is at the head of this sheet. I think this property could be bought on reasonable terms and it would be a good place to saw your Chance Timber. The summer and fall has been a very wet one and the Swamps are very wet. The health of the community is very good.

Respectfully yours,  
W. H. Ware [sp?]

#### **Document 147**

Office of  
Frank Vaughan,  
Attorney-At-Law

Elizabeth City, N.C. Aug. 27, 1889

Edward White, Esq.,

My Dear Sir: Your letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst at hand.

I am sorry that I failed to see you again before you left, but on the day of your leaving I had an urgent call to Edenton on business and did not return until late in the afternoon. I am glad that your visit here was a pleasant one and that you hope to be able to come and make your permanent residence with us. Our people will be pleased to have you with us and I have but little doubt that you will find it to your advantage pecuniarily to come, for I can say, and I think without exaggeration,

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that our prospects from this time on are exceedingly bright and hopeful. A very choice class of people are coming continually, bringing with them capital, building up, giving employment to the laborer and I hope and believe doing well for themselves. Some signs of this you saw even in your short stay. A practical man cannot fail I think to see the many advantages presented here, where there is fine navigation as well as railroad

facilities. Where too there is an abundance of fine farm lands that can be purchased cheap, and large quantities of timber of the best kinds. You probably saw what Fowler is doing with his cotton mills, Boomer Meo [sp?] with their oil mills, Godfrey with his tu-and [unclear word] manufacturing, to say nothing of the 12 or more lumber, planing, & grist mills.

(second page)

Elizabeth City, N.C.

And yet these, I take it, are but the beginning of what is coming. Several churches and large stores and residences are being built, and it is difficult to employ a carpenter—all of them having as much as they can do on hand.

In March past I sold to Jno B Brockett the lot of land to the south of and adjoining the oil mills property at the price of \$350 cash, its cost to the owners was \$350. The purchaser, Brockett, contemplates putting up an ice factory on the lot that will cost 6 to 8 thousand dollars. Great quantities of fruit, vegetable & fish boxes are manufactured here, and I wonder that some one has not

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started a barrel manufactory, instead of sending our fishermen to Maine for their 50000 barrels a year. There is good opening for many branches of business.

I regret much that I had not called your attention while here to the "Bunnell-Hall" property. You may have noticed a large brick building on the east side of Water St., near the foot of the Market House and to the south of Whitehurst & Rawlins ice and coal yards. The property extends from Water St. eastwardly to the river. It is at the S.E. corner of Water and Mathews Sts. Is [unclear word] and has fine wharves. This is the Bunnell-Hall property. It belongs to several tenants in common and will be sold for partition on Saturday next, 31<sup>st</sup> instant upon easy terms. It will soon be exceedingly valuable property

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Office of  
Frank Vaughan  
Attorney-at-Law

It is worth \$8000 to \$10000 but will not bring that sum at the sale I think. I have but little doubt that the ASRR will be extended at an early day across Poindexter Creek into Water St. This property is about 300 yards from the railroad depot.

There are other properties eligibly situated that can now be bought upon good terms, and I think it would pay you to come and stay several weeks looking around. I have directed that the "Falcon" newspaper be mailed to you at Whiton.

Very Truly,  
Frank Vaughan

Envelope postmarked Aug. 31, 1886 Oxford, MD

Maryland Military and Naval Academy  
Oxford, Maryland

Hon. Edward White  
Whiton,  
Md.

## Document 152

Humphreys & Tilghman,  
Building Material, Coal, Lime,  
FERTILIZER, ETC.

OUR  
MIXTURE  
B  
A Complete  
Plant Food

SALISBURY, MD., Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, 1889

Mr. Edw. White,

DrSir: I have just received a letter from Wm Davis inquiring how we are progressing with the 100 ton ore, and says when you get it ready for shipment he will give shipping directions. Please let us hear from you by return mail or within a few days. My impression is that if we expect to get it this year we had better commence at once, for it is not going to get dry. The men could get gum boots.—Either do it or give it up.

Ys Truly,  
W. B. Tilghman

Envelope postmarked Oct. 16, 1889, Md.

Return address: HUMPHREYS & TILGHMAN, Salisbury, Md.

Addressee: Mr. Edward White  
Whiton

Md

**Document 153**

Envelope postmarked March 7, 1889 8 PM New York

Addressee: Mr. Edward White  
Whiton  
Wicomico County  
Md.

188 E. 64<sup>th</sup> St.  
March 7, 1889

Mr. E. White

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 28 inst received. I see you did not understand me by your reply for I know there must be a valule placed upon the property both real and personal so I thought I would look over the lawyer letters in so doing I found one dated July 7<sup>th</sup> 1887in which

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he wrote from what he knew of the Estate he thought it would amount to about 25000.00 of this sum the taxable [?] about 4000.00 the balance to be divided among the Brothers & Sisters of James Innean [sp?] whence any one of them is dead the child or children left by them will be entitled to his or her share.

You tell me Miss Jean the Guardian bills is to be payed. You wrote me some time since that there was a debt of 900.00 against the Estate for Guardian money.

When a statement is made for 1889 will you please send me one. I am sorry I did not look over Mr. Graham letters before I wrote you there by sure you trouble please accept my thanks for your favor of the 28<sup>th</sup> [unclear word]

Yours Truly,

A. P. Duncan

(written upside down in left lower corner)

188 East  
64<sup>th</sup> St.  
N Y City

**Document 155**

November 1, 1889

Cousin Edward,

I write to you on the business that James wrote to you on. Our horse is lame so we cant get over to see you. I want to know whether you will go to Snow Hill and take up the note that William Johnson, attorney at law has against me and Theodore. Mr. Riggin has seen Mr. Johnson and promised him to pay it next week. If you will attend to it send me a card by return mail as it is something that can't be put off any longer.

Envelope postmarked F----shire Nov. 2, 1889

Edward White

Worcester Co.

Md

### **Document 156**

I did not no wheather to write to you or brother Peter thought you would go to Snow Hill to ---te so let me no if you will take up note of hand there has been two payments on note take care note or send it me and obledge [?] don't fail let hear by return mail yours truly

[unclear name} Riggin

George W. Riggin

Save Mr. Riggin trobel of going over to see you having horse (in lighter writing) donte fail [unclear word] by return mail

### **Document 157**

Mr. white dear sir

I received your letter and was more then glad I was so thankful I hardly know how to thank you but I hope the lord will rewar you for all your kindness to me

Yours truly

Mrs. Amelia J. Shockley

### **Document 158**

Whiton Wcomico Co.  
Md. May 4, 1893

My Dear Daughter

Your favor of the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst came to hand yesterday and glad to learn that you are well again and that your sickness last Monday Tuesday & Wednesday is over and of such short duration.

In regard to the matter of consulting Dr. Shraday, you can do so and I will pay the Bill not only as far as \$10 but \$20 or \$30 if it is necessary tell Mr. Franklin to pay the Bill if you have not money sufficient and send the amt to me and I will send him check for it or any thing necessary for you that you may desire.

I sent on the 22 inst a Box of St berries [sp?] to Mr. Franklin 12 qts at this time more so then usual never saw them so troublesome before this early in the year.

Have you made any calculation in regard to when you will come home. You must suit your own and your kind hostess convenience in regard to this matter.

We shall be very busy during the next three weeks in the Stberry Picking next weeks.

Your chicks are doing well your mother says and she sends her special love to you and to all.

So look at the Bright-side and Keep your nerves steady and glean all the pleasure and sunshine out of your visit to the Great American Metropolis you can.

Your Affectionate Father,  
Edward White

### Document 159

Which I hope she has recd ere this. We are picking early Berries Shipped 600 qts today and put to pick 1000 qts tomorrow from our St. Michaels Early 5 acre lot and next week expect to pick from .25 acres or .33 acres. Then we shall be busy. We ought to ship 9000 qts some days if weather is not too dry.

Your Brother Dr. Wm H White and Mary his wife is coming today to visit us. Will stay until Friday week June the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Dela. Burbage is coming to day to assist us in the Berry Business and we expect Lizzie Rowell on Friday next.

Allida is well and attends to giving out Tickets at the Berry stand. We are all well indeed or usual, rather Better I think the weather is warmer and nature has on her Green summer as well as Spring dress.

Mrs. Sally A. Webb is dead and Mr. M C. Wible [sp?] and Cora have moved in my corner House to live.

You will please to tender my most kind and warmest thanks to Mrs. Franklin and family for their attention and care of you and tell her and her family to come down this summer

and we will endeavor to reciprocate in our humble but heartfelt manner for her many kindnesses.

Mary Richardson says in regard to the sample of goods you sent that she likes it very much but that she will not purchase just now and will make out with what she has.  
Mosquitoes are very abundant here

### **Document160**

Torn envelope (stamp missing) postmarked Whiton, Md. Date is illegible.

From E. White

Whiton

Md.

Addressee: Miss Mary F. White  
95 Greenwich Avenue  
Care of Mr. New York  
Wm R. Franklin N.Y.

### **Document 161**

Written on an unfolded envelope.

Saturday

Mr. Edw White

DrSir: I have seen Mr. Davis and we now have the analysis of all the ores.

I would like to see you at an early day—and when you come bring those 4 or 5 samples you spoke about from Laws Marsh as Mr. Davis wants them so as to get more average analysis.

Can't you come Monday?

Yrs Truly  
Wm B. Tilghman

(written on an angle in lower corner) Mr. Humphreys Price will be gone or I would go see you T

### **Document 162**

This appears to be a post card with one-cent stamp addressed to E. White, Whiton, Wicomico Co. Md. There is no postmark. The left side of the card has a drawing of a house with the following text above the drawing:

Concerning  
MODERN HOUSES  
FOR  
Suburban Residences.

Text below the drawing:

A HOUSE OF MODERATE COST.

(Reduced from a large view in "Shoppell's Modern Houses," No. 2.)

"Shoppell's Modern Houses," No. 2, just out, April 1, 1886, is entirely different from any former publication. It contains large views, floor plans and full descriptions (with costs) of 65 new house designs (mostly of low and moderate cost), two stables and carriage houses, and a color page showing how modern houses should be painted. PRICE, \$1.00.

PUBLISHED BY  
The Co-operative Building Plan Association,  
BROADWAY, COR DEY ST. (Box 2702), N.Y.

**Document 163**

Calculations are written on the back of an envelope.

\$2.50  
    20  
\$2.70

1244  
276                        13c  
.968                        1 1/2

11 feet Pipe 11-	121
2     "     20	40
2 coupling 11	22
Labor on Mill Dr.	425
4 days work 125	500
1 days work Ma—r.	<u>80</u>

	1188
¾ day moving mill	<u>56</u>
	12.44

#### Document 164

Salisbury Wicomico Co  
[?] 800 Box No 15

Mr. Edward White Esquire

Dear Sir I have been to the Adkissons Mills and examined Them. They or in bad order. The Stream is a good Streame and the Property will pay Well if it was put in good order it will cost 800 dolors to fix up a good grist Mill. That wold told 12 hundred bushel of corn a year you goe [unclear word] and by the Adkissons mills and how them fixt up you make a good investment I wold by but I not able to by and rebuild thay is no danger of loosing money on the mill property as it is so well located and in a corn country I cold not find out what Mr. Ellis wold take for the property he wold not say what he wold take for the mills this mill is in a good place for buisness and cold be a large custom work done the bottom is good to settle a foundation in can be settle safe and Strong, if you do purches the Mills I wold be pleased to bild you a good grist Mill. Mr. Ellis is going to sell at Same price I think from his talk if you make any move let me no

Yours Respectfully,  
James T. Disharoon

#### Document 165

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners for Worcester County  
Gents we the undersigned Petitioners hereby Petition Your Hon body to Grant a Commission unto

and

to lay off a Tax Ditch or Ditches to drain certain low lands through the lands of William M. Purnell William N. Burbage Charles L. Bowen James Beathards William D. Pitts James Holland Heirs of Mrs. Annie M. Truitt Isaac W. Burbage Edward White Mrs Ellen Farrell Mrs John Showell Col. Levin Dirickson R. Jenkins Henry Josiah Marshall or any other person or person's farm necessary to drain certain low swamp lands situate in west Berlin and Newark Election Districts of Worcester County State of Maryland

Names

Edwd. White  
James X Bethards  
Isaac W. Burbage  
R. J. Henry

Note in lower left corner:

Com. Meet June 13 8 [am or pm?]]

Note in lower right corner:

(Commissioners)  
D. C. Hudson  
Jas. McGregor  
Jas. Whaley

**Document 166**

Tax Ditch Petition

(written sideways)

Edwd White  
James Bethards  
Isaac Burbage  
& others

**Document 167AA**

To the Honorable, the General Assembly of the State of Maryland:

The undersigned citizens of Worcester County would respectfully represent that in accordance with the River & Harbor Act passed by the Congress of the United States on July 5<sup>th</sup> 1884 a survey has been made under the direction of the war department of the U.S. of "Lewes Creek and Rehoboth Bay, Delaware, Assateague and Chincoteague Bays, Maryland, with a view to form a continuous inland navigation from Chincoteague Bay in Virginia to the Delaware Bay at or near Lewes, Delaware," once a Report most favorable in its character, showing the

importance to commerce of this work, and the small amount of money necessary to complete it, has been submitted to the Secretary of War by Engineer in charge. We are deeply impressed with the vast importance of this projected work to the people of this section of our State, and therefore [unclear word] that a joint resolution may be immediately passed by the Legislature ~~mem~~ commending the work to the attention of Congress, and asking that a sufficient amount be appropriated in the ~~next~~ River and Harbor Bill of this present

**Document 167B (Note: Transcriber had great difficulty deciphering some signatures below and has given best guess in those cases)**

year to begin the work in accordance with the suggestion of the Report of Engineer in charge and or in duty [unclear symbol]

Cyrus L. Williams	Geo. W. -ovington
Wm D. Pitts	Dewitt C. Fookes
Elijah B. Carey	Henry B. Tingle
Ano N. Herrman	William J. Pitts
Wm F. Pitts	Zadok P. Henry
Henry Miller	Thos. N. Tingle
C.W. Williams	A.F. Powell
J. T. Baker	Edwd S. Furbush
E. E. Bell	J. N. Rayne
T. Y. Franklin	Lamis C. Dirickson
Jno W Pitts	L.L. Dirickson Jr.
Edwin J. Dirickson	L--- V. Showell
Edwin J. Powell	Geo. W. Henry
Severn Murray	James M. Powell
Moses Johnson	Thos. T. Savage
Sewell T. Williams	J.H. Richardson
H. F. Harmonson	C. B. Taylor
George B. Workman	Geo. G. Stokes
--T. Mitchell	Elijah B. Carey
Lee Carey	Jas. P. Henry
Sidney A. Bowen	Littleton P. Franklin
Thomas S. Hammond	R. J. Henry
John T. Keas [sp?]	John Tracy
H. C. Connaway	C.P. Nelson
John P. Quillen	G. W. Willett
Levin L. Dirickson	Thos. A. Carey
W. B. Carruder [sp?]	John J. Evans
James P. Wise [sp?]	George H. Trader
Esma- Davis	R. D. Jones

Jas B. Pitts Aver B. Gray Kendal P. Jarvis James Brittingham illegible signature (page cut off)	Ino Be—e-e Jno. M. Holland John Bishop Zadock T. M. Purnell Illegible signature (page cut off)
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## Document 167C

Top signature illegible Parker --. Hickman Wm Warrington E. F. Hollaway Geo. L . Williams J. M. Taylor James B. Lytte James T. Horsey John D. Dilworth Charles E. Mumford Stephen H. Quillen Samuel M. Quillen John J. Ayres B.F. Williams T. G. Hemley [sp?] G. E. Scott (paper fold obscures first name) H. Bethards John L. Ennis W. C. [?] -----son John D. Henry B. Jones Taylor James K. Trader Joseph Cropper Signature illegible—fold in paper D.W. Johnson S. W. Lauer S.S. Johnson - - Johnson Thomas F. Trader Eugene E. Mumford L.P. Mitchell James W. Richardson	Top signature illegible S. M. Muller James T. Jones Henry Purnell John S. Purnell Henry A. Godfry G. A. Marshall R. J. Showell Thomas Jarvis Theo Palmatary L.C. Dilworth Joshua Hollaway John L. Robins A. W. Smith Jos. A. Kidd Ino Ellis Illegible signature—fold in paper James H. Jones O. Henderson Ths. C. Blades George Ellis E--. McMaster John Blades --. J. Hemlock Spry Hemlock Jacob H. Sturgis John Brumbley D.P. Jones Zadock – Sturgis Sidney L. Trader Geo. McD----- Geo. P. Selby
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Wm. W. Freeman Joseph W. Townsend Benjamin Holstein Martin L. Williams Samuel P. Johnson W. Timons T. J. Johnson	H. C. Mo-----t H.E. Truitt Chas. R. Sturgis Thos. H. Bratten Illegible signature
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### Document 167D

Joseph Cropper Signature obscured—paper fold D.W. Johnson S. W. Lauer S.S. Johnson T.--- Johnson Thomas F. Trader Eugene E. Mumford L.P. Mitchell James W. Richardson Wm. W. Freeman Joseph W. Townsend Benjamin Holstein Martin L. Williams Samuel P. Johnson W. Timons T. J. Johnson E.A. Richardson G. A. Richardson J.T. Sturgis T. J. Gray Edw. Co----s George Godfrey John E. Holstein Sidney W. Johnson John W. Henry	--. J. Hemlock Spry Hemlock Jacob H. Sturgis John Brumbly Tom. Brumbly Chord. Brumbley D.P. Jones Zadock H. Sturgis Sidney L. Trader Geo McD----- Geo. P. Selby H. C. Mo----t H. E. Truitt Chas. R. Sturgis Thos. H. Bratten Benjamin T. Richardson George Gray John W. Figgs James Pennewell Henry Taylor Sol--- Tull Josiah F. Taylor S. P. Tull S. Gray
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### Document 167E

Edward White	H. Delegate
Joshua B. Waters	" "
Stephen E. Mason	" "
James S. Burbage	" "

**Document 167F**

(in pencil) Mr. White

Memorial of Hon. George W. Covington, Dr. Cyrus L. Williams, Hon. Littleton P. Franklin, Col. Lemuel P. Showell and 158 others, citizens of Worcester county praying the passage of a joint resolution requesting Congress to appropriate money to make a continuous inland navigation from Chincoteague Bay, Virginia to the Delaware Bay at or near Lewes, Delaware.

(in pencil) Federal Relations

(check mark)

**Edward White**

# Letters to and from Southey King White,

## 1942-1960

**Document 168** (The letter is typed but handwritten notes at the bottom are in bold.)

327 WOODSIDE ROAD  
WILKINSBURG, PENN'A

February 23, 1942

Mr. S. King White,  
Acting Editor, Salisbury Advertiser,  
Salisbury, Maryland.

My dear Mr. White:

I write you at the suggestion of my cousin, Miss Mary Ann Roberts of Quantico. Both she and I are doubly related to Henry Roberts of Salisbury and John Roberts of Princess Anne. No doubt you know well both of them.

My inquiry is this:

My great-grandfather was Thomas Roberts and his wife, and my great-grandmother was Jane who was born Jane Mitchell. The dates of these are given below so far as I have them.

Jane's mother's given name was Matilda, but we have never been able to learn her surname – some have suggested Gale – thers Landon, but we do not know.

Mary Ann thought from your extensive knowledge of the old Somerset and Wicomico families you might put us in the way of finding the answer to our question. I hope, sir, very sincerely that you can.

Very truly ours,  
[signature]  
Emerson B. Roberts

Thomas Roberts, son of John and Martha Roberts, born **1784**  
Married Jane Mitchell **about 1810**  
Died **Oct. 10, 1870**

**Thomas is buried at my grand-father's  
old home, Jesterville, on the road to  
Nanticoke. My grandfather was  
William Underwood Roberts, & my father  
Rev. Emerson Pierce Roberts.**

**place of residence was  
"Ducker's Hill," across the  
river from Whitehaven, I  
should say**

**Document 169** (This appears to be the back of the previous document.)

Army [illegible word]  
Navy Unit  
21-65  
to regular {?}  
for civil  
or military  
[illegible word]

**Document 170**

DAVID J. WARD  
1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT MARYLAND

COMMITTEE:  
POST OFFICE AND POST ROADS

**CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

May 19, 1943

S. King White, Esq.  
Salisbury  
Maryland

Dear Judge:

Concerning your son-in-law, Mr. George E. Burnett, 4140 Roland Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, I have written the Chief of Naval Personnel asking for favorable consideration

of Mr. Burnett's application, and I will also speak to Congressman Scasser about the application.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,  
[signature]  
David J. Ward

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**Document 171** (This is handwritten.)

Phila Sept. 28/1946

Salisbury Advertiser

Please find check for four dollars as per bill rendered. I have been very much interested from time to time in the historical column in your paper.

I have frequently visited the Historical Society in Phila and looked over some of the old records.

In some of these trips I run across many old and interesting records of old Somerset County such as the one I am inclosing and many others dating back in the sixteen & seventeen hundreds.

I would be pleased to pass some of these records along from time to time if you would care to use them in your paper.

Probably it would make some interesting reading for some of your readers.

I am enclosing an addressed envelope for a convinent reply.

Sincerely  
J. W. Phillips  
1408 N. 55th

**Document 172** (The letterhead is printed but the rest of the document is handwritten.)

**MRS. DAISY BELL DOUGLASS**  
**780 NORTH 23<sup>RD</sup> STREET**  
**PHILADELPHIA 30, PENNA.**

Dear King,

I noticed in last week's Advertiser that you were trying to trace the McBride family.

I don't know whether the below data will be of any help to you or not but take it for what it is worth.

I was reading the Dashiell records one of these rainy days and I saw "William McBride—Sept. 22, 1777 Ensign of Salisbury Co. Was a member of Salisbury Battalion of Militia of Somerset Co (Maryland Arch. Vol. 16, p. 382 Council of Md. Governor Elihu Jackson's mother

### Document 173

name was Sarah McBride so perhaps Margaret Van de Bogart might know something about the McBrides.

I always enjoy the column about the "Long, Long Ago" for it is usually there I see the names of people I have known or of whom I have heard. When I walk the streets of Salisbury, I now feel myself a stranger in a strange land. It is seldom I see a face I know.

A short time [preceding three words have been written over in black ink] ago I ran across an article written by my father about Admiral Vernon (for whom Mount Vernon was named) and some medals that were struck off in his honor on a birthday after the capture of Ports Bells. Among his coins my father left one of these medals to me. Would you like this article? If so, I will copy it for you and send it down. The original is in very poor condition from age.

I often think of you & your wife.

Second page

**MRS. DAISY BELL DOUGLASS**  
780 NORTH 23<sup>RD</sup> STREET  
PHILADELPHIA 30, PENNA

Last year I met at Atlantic City a Mrs. Shaefer (I think I have the name correctly) who used to be a Dixon that knew Iris.

It seems strange but no matter where one goes there seems always to be someone who knows somebody you know. It's a mighty homey feeling somehow. Fred speaks of you frequently. He is one of your admirers. Thru him and the paper I get some Salisbury doings.

I hope you will help in the McBride data.

Sincerely,  
Daisy Bell Douglass

Feb. 9, 1950

I am presuming that any Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> items will appear in your issue of Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Document 174** (Letter is typed.)

E. P. ELZEY	309 JULIANA ST.	BRICK DIVISION
P.O. BOX 692	PHONE	CITIZENS COAL AND CONCRETE CO.
PARKERSBURG, W.VA.	7-5811	PARKERSBURG, WEST VA.

February 20<sup>th</sup>. 1951.

Editor, Salisbury Advertiser  
Salisbury, Md.

My Dear Sir;

Intrigued by the somewhat crisp poem "Bob White" by the former Mr. Geo. W. Bell the writer took the liberty of somewhat rearranging Mr. Bell's version and attempting more of the lilt of the muse in the rewrite.

I believe one version of the legend has the quail voiceless until the death of bird friend Bob White who lived a hermit on a secluded Virginia hillside and this thought is presented in the enclosed version.

You will note that my version (from many of the salient points in Mr. Bell's version) does not wander beyond the folklore story of Bob White – that no application of the insect and grub eating quail propensity advantageous to the farmer and trucker referred to in closing of Mr. Bell's verse is made.

Many, many times have I been delighted in hearing the call "Bob White" of our common farm quail – a call that few ignore to note.

The legend story is worthy repetition.

Yours very truly,

[signature]

E. B. Elzey

(a brick shape appears with these words)

There is ALWAYS  
THE RIGHT BRICK  
FOR EVERY JOB

**Document 175** (Letter is typed.)

E. P. ELZEY	309 JULIANA ST.	BRICK DIVISION
P.O. BOX 692	PHONE	CITIZENS COAL AND CONCRETE CO.
PARKERSBURG, W.VA.	7-5811	PARKERSBURG, WEST VA.

March 3<sup>rd</sup>. 1951.

Editor,  
The Salisbury Advertiser  
Salisbury, Md.

My Dear Mr. White;

I note acknowledgement of poem "The Folklore Legend of Bob White" in your "Sidelights on Local History" column with the suggestion that the poem to you will be published in a later issue of the Advertiser.

May I ask you to use the enclosed copy as used in local paper (under pseudonym). Upon rewriting for the Sentinel two lines of next to last stanza and first line of last stanza were changed in words, but not in sense – to better the word picture.

"quite a talented writer" [handwritten corrections to "quire" and "talenred"] – your words, not mine – I would not say that and do not feel it is deserved. Nor would you so class me if you knew the fact – my education is limited – only what I grabbed off in a one room country school under twenty five dollar a month teachers (They were the best that ever opened a schoolroom door.) I never saw inside a high school until on the road selling goods and sold materials for high school construction. Then was no 1st. grade, second grade, third grade etc. in my school days – it was 1<sup>st</sup> reader class – second reader class- third reader class up to fifth reader class that I managed to gain. It is true that I have written a great deal that has been published – I have read a great deal and have tried to keep informed in current matters – that is my education.

Again asking that you use the enclosed copy if poem is used., I am with all good wishes,

Yours very truly,  
[signature—E.B. Elzey]

Age is responsible for hitting  
wrong keys – not the machine.

local Sentinel has a new editor whom I have not yet met – did a very nice job in publishing the poem – Put it under “Dear Editor” heading – something new.

(a brick shape appears with these words)

There is ALWAYS  
THE RIGHT BRICK  
FOR EVERY JOB

**Document 176** (Letter is typed.)

3 August 1951

Dear Judge

Farewell speeches were never my forte. I always know what I want to say, but the words run together and rush out in wild disorder.

But, I can put things down; and I want to put down my thanks to a man who has played a vital role in making me a man.

For teaching me the worth of mature judgement; for showing me the value of patience, the power of pure reason, the strength that attends clear thinking, and above all, the beauty of truth – I am humbly grateful.

The many warm and human stories, each with its message, have enlivened my thinking and my understanding. They were guides to living, and I cannot forget them.

Again thanks, Judge; thanks for the green years.

Sincerely,

[signature—Jim Nelson]

Envelope postmarked Salisbury, MD. Aug 3 3- PM 1951

J. G. Nelson  
119 Richardson Avenue  
Crisfield, Maryland

MR. S. KING WHITE

Camden and Newton Streets  
Salisbury, Maryland

**Document 178** (Letter is typed.)

W. W. Leonard  
3908 N. Charles Street  
Baltimore 18 Maryland  
March 26, 1954

Mr. S. King White  
Camden Avenue  
Salisbury, Maryland

Dear King:

Brother James' death was so unexpected that all considerations of publicity escaped me, but I know that there ought to be a notice of his death in The Advertiser, and I wish you would write it for us. He was a magnificent character and deserves such recognition.

Here are the pertinent facts. He was born in Salisbury of course, and grew up there. He graduated at the Salisbury High School, and then he went to Lehigh

University, and graduated with a "CE" Degree. Immediately thereafter he accepted a job as Draftsman in the Engineering Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad Lines West. He spent his whole life in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroads Lines West, and in fact, his desk was never out of the office where he went to work. When he was retired five years ago he had been for many years Engineer of Bridges for the Pennsylvania Railroad Lines West.

He married Margaret Trimble, a Sewickley girl, whose father was the Chief Engineer of the Lines West, and they lived the rest of their lives in the old Trimble house at Sewickley. His wife died some years ago, and my brother spent most of his time with his daughter, Mariette, who was employed in the U. S. Embassey in Rome. There was a boy by this marriage, James Fulton Leonard, Jr., who graduated at Princeton, and at the end of his Army trick in the war decided to go into diplomatic service. He is now station in Moscow as a Political Office and Language Expert in the Embassey.

The service and interment was at St. Stephen's Church in Sewickley, where my brother had been a vestryman. He was also at one time, Chancelor of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. He was seventy four at his death.

He also left a brother and two sisters, who live in Roland Park. They are Mr. William Wirt Leonard, Mrs. Everett E. Jackson and Mrs. Edward R. Griffith.

These are all the facts that I can think of that will help your job, and I am very grateful for your undertaking.

With best regards to everyone, I am

Sincerely yours,

[signature – Will]

WWL/b

**Document 179** (Document is the back of an envelope.)

W.W. LEONARD  
3908 NORTH CHARLES STREET  
BALTIMORE 18, MARYLAND

**Document 180** (Both documents are typed.)

MRS. SOUTHEY KING WHITE  
MULBERRY PLACE  
409 CAMDEN AVENUE  
SALISBURY, MARYLAND

To My Sweetheart,  
July, 24<sup>th</sup>, 1958

May today be a cherished one, in your life-  
Full of joy, love- free from care or strife-  
May the good, so freely scattered around,  
While on life's journey, you were bound,  
Come back in the "tomorrows" a hundred fold,  
A treasure far greater than silver or gold.

Happy Birthday,

[signature—Rex]

MRS. SOUTHEY KING WHITE  
MULBERRY PLACE  
409 CAMDEN AVENUE  
SALISBURY, MARYLAND

TO:

IRIS TULL WHITE,  
JULY, 24<sup>TH</sup>, 1950 ["5" is handwritten over "6"]

Birthdays are not grim reminders [typo in next word] that another of our

Allotted years has slipped away-Nor are they requiems  
For a past that is dead and gone forever. They mark  
The beginning-not the end-Face the rising not the  
Setting sun. And they are gala, happy days. Full of  
The present and its promises. Whispering softly of the  
Days yet to be, they are the happy harbingers of a future,  
Well worth living as long as there is someone to love  
You-As long as you have a friend.  
  
So here's to a happy birthday to you, my dear. May you  
Have a joyous present and many, many tomorrows, well worth  
living.

**Document 181** (Letter is handwritten.)

W. W. Leonard  
3908 N. Charles Street  
Baltimore 18 Maryland      La [?] Tuesday

Dear King:

There is one more thing I forgot to mention re brother James.  
He answered the first call for volunteers in the War and was commissioned a  
Lieutenant of Engineers. He saw service in both Europe and the Pacific.

Sincerely,

W.W.L.

**Document 182** (Letter is handwritten.)

W. W. Leonard  
3908 N. Charles Street  
Baltimore 18 Maryland

Dear King:

In the letter that I sent you today I forgot to say that brother James was the son of the late Col. Wm./Leonard and Isabella Staples White Leonard, both of Salisbury. He died 18 March in the 74<sup>th</sup> year of his age.

I hesitate to put this job on you but I don't know anybody else I would want to do it.

Sincerely,

W W I

**Document 183** (Document is an envelope with handwritten message on the front.)

### To Mother:

Love is one of the few things in life that grows by giving. Fifty-five Christmases you have been my sweetheart wife. In each of these my love was all yours in the fullest measure. So now it is greater – better - deeper – more unselfish than ever before. A happy Christmas to you my sweetheart wife.

Dad

Envelope flap: COUNTY TRUST COMPANY OF MARYLAND  
SALISBURY, MARYLAND